

YOUR WEDDING



*King's Park
Church of Scotland,
Glasgow*

We are delighted that you have chosen to be married in King's Park Parish Church. We hope that your wedding day will be a pleasurable occasion and one which holds many cherished memories.

Why get married in Church?

1. There are two possible ways of getting married – in Church or at the Registry Office. Both of these are equally legal and official. The difference lies in the fact that a wedding in the Church is a union between a man and a woman which recognises the presence of God and in which the couple desire to follow Jesus Christ. Because of this a Church wedding is normally and naturally for those who are members of the Church and have committed themselves to Jesus Christ. However there is no rule that bars non-members from a Church Wedding and each case will be considered individually by the minister.

There are however a number of matters to be attended to in order to ensure the smooth running of this occasion, and you are responsible for these.

How is a wedding arranged?

The first step is to contact the minister, Rev. Sandra Boyd, either at the Church Office (0141 636 8688) or at home (0141 637 2803). At this time a date should be arranged for the wedding so that the minister and the Church can be reserved. It is very important to do this before making any other arrangements in order to ensure that the minister and the Church are available on the proposed date.

About four months before the wedding you should return to see the minister again. At this time you will discuss the following matters:

a. Legal Requirements

Both you and your partner will require to submit a marriage notice form to the Local Registrar at 1, Martha Street, Glasgow (0141 287 7677). It is essential that this is done at least four to six weeks before the wedding. You will be asked to show the Registrar your Birth Certificate and other documents where appropriate and a fee will be charged. Once the Registrar has carried out the necessary procedures

either you or your partner require to return personally to the Registrar's Office to collect the Marriage Schedule. This schedule must be handed over to the Minister before the wedding, usually at the wedding rehearsal. The wedding cannot proceed without it. (Full details of the Legal Requirements are contained in the Leaflet RM1 – Marriage in Scotland – which can be obtained from the Registry Office. This includes information about legal requirements affecting widows, widowers, divorced persons and those living outside Scotland.)

b. Rings

It is now quite common for both the bride and bridegroom to exchange rings as part of the wedding ceremony and this is something you should discuss together so that you can tell the minister whether you will be having one ring or two.

c. Music

Normally the Church Organist is engaged to provide the music during the ceremony. It is your responsibility to contact the Organist, Mr Jonathan Buchan, 33, Ardencraig Gardens, Castlemilk, G45 0HH (0141 631 3420). You can discuss with him the hymns and music you would like at your wedding, but it is important to remember that a wedding in Church is an act of worship and that the music should be appropriate to the occasion. If you wish someone other than the Church Organist to play at your wedding you must seek the permission of Jonathan Buchan, and give details of the person's competence to play, and also inform the minister.

d. Flowers

It is your responsibility to arrange for flowers if you wish the Church decorated for your wedding. Flowers should not be placed on the Communion Table but can be placed on the Baptismal Font or on pedestals. Arrangements for gaining access to the Church to arrange the flowers by your florist should be made with the Beadle, Ian Henderson at the Church between 9-12noon, Tuesday to Friday on 0141 636 8688.

Following the wedding the flowers can be removed if you would like to give them to a relative or friend, for example someone who has not been able to attend the wedding through illness. On the other hand you may leave them for the decoration of the Church the following Sunday. If you intend to do this please inform the minister so that the necessary adjustments can be made to the flower rota.

e. Charges

The Congregational Board has laid down the following charges for weddings:

Use of Church building	£200.00
Services of the Organist	£60.00
Services of the Beadle	£60.00

Members of the Congregation do not pay for the use of Church buildings but do pay for the services of the organist and Beadle. If a video recording of the ceremony is to take place the organist fees will be £120.00. **If you choose not to have the organist play at your wedding he is still entitled to his fee.**

It is a great help if these amounts can be given to the Minister prior to the wedding in separately marked envelopes.

f. Rehearsal

In order that everyone involved in your wedding will know the part they have to play the Minister will arrange a rehearsal at a suitable time. If possible the best man, bridesmaid(s), the bride's father, flower girls and page boys if any, should attend as well as the bride and bridegroom. The Marriage Schedule and the envelopes containing the appropriate charges should be handed over to the Minister at this time.



What happens at the Wedding?

a. The Vows

The details and order of the wedding service will be gone over carefully with you by the minister at the rehearsal. However it is very important that you should understand the commitment you are making to your partner in the presence of God and this is clearly stated in the vows which you will make. An alternative form of vows is possible and should you tell the Minister at the rehearsal which form you wish to be used in your wedding service.

1. Traditional Wedding Vows

“I **A.../ B...**

Take thee **B.../A...**

To be my wedded **wife / husband**

And do in the presence of God

And before this congregation

Promise and covenant

To be a loving, faithful and dutiful **husband / wife** unto thee

Until God shall separate us by death.’

2. Modern Wedding Vows

Before our Father God

and in the presence

of our families and friends,

I, **A.../ B...** celebrate my love

for you **B.../A...**

and I give myself to you

as your **husband / wife**.

I promise you my love,

my loyalty, and my trust

for as long as we both shall live.

b. Signing the Schedule

Following the Service the Marriage Schedule is signed by the Bride, Groom, two witnesses (aged 16 or over) and the minister. The Marriage Schedule is then returned to the Registrar within 3 working days and who will then send out the Marriage Certificate.

The Wedding Day

- The **Ushers** should arrive in time to welcome the guests (at least 1 hour or 45 minutes before the wedding). This gives them time to get used to the Church and co-ordinate with the Beadle.
- The **Bridegroom** and the **Best Man** should arrive at the Church at least half an hour before the start of the service and make their way to the vestry.
- The **Bridesmaid(s)** should wait at the front door until the bride arrives. At her arrival the Beadle will notify the minister of her arrival and the service will begin.
- Remember after the Benediction there is still the legal requirement of signing the Marriage Schedule. This will be done at the Church before the couple leave.
- If you are providing a printed **Order of service** for guests at the wedding you must ensure that copyright law has been complied with in the printing of words of hymns and songs.
- The wedding is an act of worship and as such **no photographs** are to be taken during the wedding. Please let this fact be known to your guests as it saves any embarrassment on the day.
- After the wedding schedule has been signed people can take photographs of the newly weds as they walk down the aisle.
- If you have someone at the service taking a video then please notify the minister and arrange for them to be at the rehearsal so that they can be shown where they may sit. The Church **does not** have a wedding video licence. If you wish to video your service you need to get one and show the minister proof of it before the day. You can apply for this licence through www.videolicence.co.uk.

We hope that your wedding day will be an occasion which holds many happy memories, and if you attend to the above matters in good time this will help towards the smooth running of the event. If you have any particular questions, you can contact the minister by telephone at the manse (0141 637 2803).

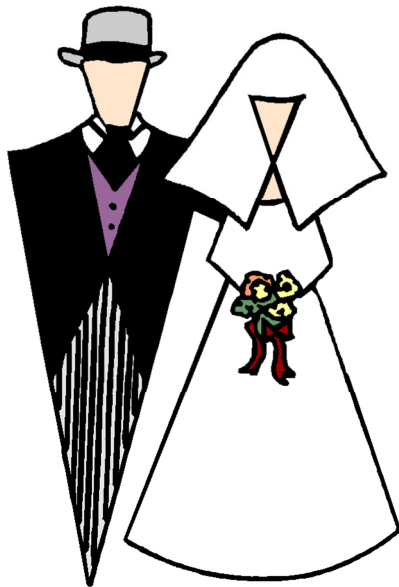
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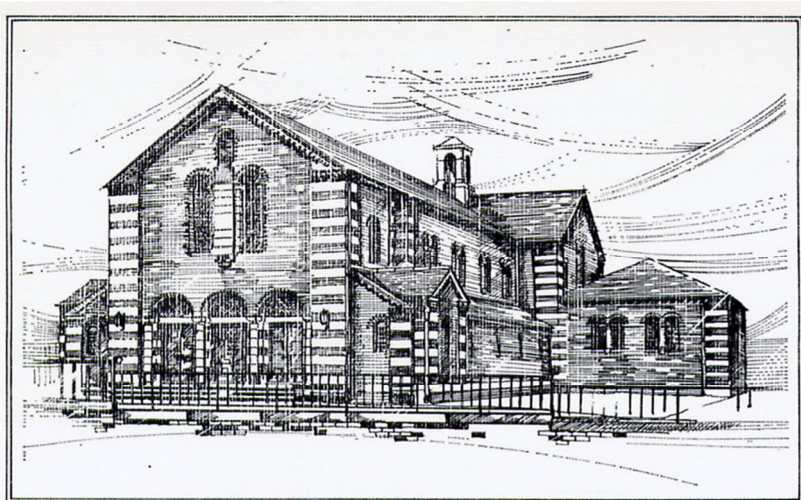
Just as it is true that your wedding day is not an end,
but a beginning of a new life together,
so it is also true that your marriage will at some point falter,
all marriages do.

It is the working through the heartaches as well as the joys,
that bond a marriage and make it work.

Our hope is that your marriage will succeed,
and if you allow the Christian thoughts of the Wedding day;
thoughts of God's love for us despite our failings,
God's willingness to try again,
to see the best in others,
that success is all the closer.

May God bless you both
as you start this new part
of life's adventure together.





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