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If you've chosen Fawsley for its idyllic countryside setting, complete the picture and turn heads along the country lanes!

Contact Roger Tarry on 01327 361688

Your Wedding St Mary the Virgin Fawsley



Your guide to getting married in our parish church

For further links to other local products and services, please visit our website:

www.FawsleyChurch.org.uk

and our Benefice website:

www.theknightleyparishes.btck.co.uk



5. Orders Of Service

Most wedding couples like to produce their own Order of Service for the ceremony. We can provide a number of examples if necessary. You should agree yours with the Rector at least two weeks before the wedding. Please bring the final printed copies with you to the rehearsal so they can be kept safely at the church. Please note that copyright issues can arise if you include modern material in Orders of Service, and the Rector can advise you on this. It is also a good idea to make sure you print extra copies, especially if you are not including the bridal party in your numbers for printing. Also there need to be copies at the front of church as no one expects the bride to carry one down the aisle!

6. Florist

Please let the Churchwarden know when your florist intends to visit the Church so that we can make sure it is open. Also ask your florist to take all rubbish with them when they have set up the Church. If you want to use candles please can you discuss your intended layout with the Churchwarden so that we can ensure there is no undue fire risk.

7. Parking

Apart from the official wedding car and those of the groom and ushers, the only vehicles permitted to park in the church field are for those involved directly in the preparation and running of the service, those who have equipment to carry and those transporting a person with severe walking difficulties or in a wheelchair. In wet conditions or when the ground is very soft, all those drivers should be asked by the gatekeeper to park on the right of the track close to the trees. This also applies to those attending the rehearsal. All other cars should be parked at the hotel (if the reception is there) or on the roadside. In very extreme conditions, further restrictions may need to be made. Such restrictions are regrettable but necessary in order to satisfy requirements laid down by The Fawsley Estate and are not negotiable.

CONTACT DETAILS

Rector—Rev Sue Faulkner: The Vicarage
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GETTING MARRIED AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FAWSLEY

The first step is to contact Rev Sue to agree your date and ask for an application form. These are also downloadable from our web site at:
<http://www.fawsleychurch.org.uk/content/pages/documents/1448380221.pdf>

Once agreed a deposit of £200 (made out to PCC Fawsley) together with the completed application form should be sent to Rev Sue.

It is important to be aware that if you live outside the Fawsley Parish you will need to allow sufficient time to meet the 6 months attendance period and the subsequent reading of the Banns, so normally weddings must be arranged 8 months in advance. Also if you live outside the Parish you will need to speak to the vicar of your home Parish to arrange for Banns to be read in your own Parish church as well. You will need to obtain a certificate from him/her and bring this to your wedding rehearsal.

St Mary's is located in a field and so special consideration should be given to the likely condition of the ground on the date of your wedding. Of course weather can be variable at any time of the year but the ground is generally firmer between April and October.

COSTS AND PAYMENTS (fees applicable for 2018)

FIRST PAYMENT (BOOKING DEPOSIT)

Non-returnable deposit payable 'PCC Fawsley '
at the time of booking £ 200

SECOND & FINAL PAYMENT

Four weeks before the wedding a final payment is due to 'PCC Fawsley' (by cheque, bank transfer or cash). The Treasurer will send you a final statement when it becomes Due. It normally covers the following:

Statutory fees:

(Banns £29, Marriage Service £441 and Marriage Certificate £4) £474

Pre-wedding contract church cleaning, and
churchyard maintenance £ 45

Additional expenses as required:

Organist's fee £ 60

Bell ringers' fees £100

(Also, heating in winter months is £15)

Total Fees For Wedding £679

Less: Deposit already paid £200

Total final payment due 4 weeks before wedding £479

Optional donation with final payment? £600

Obviously our lovely listed building requires a significant amount of upkeep. After the church has paid all the necessary expenses for your service, it will be able to keep about £283 of your fees. If you or your guests would consider making an optional donation as well, (we would hope you would be able to manage £600) we would be really grateful. Donations also enable us to reclaim some tax money from the Government (the only Government help a church is eligible for). Please ask for a Gift Aid form or consider some special wedding donation envelopes which we can provide for your guests to help us with this.

Getting married in Fawsley Church

-Arrangements to be made before and on the day

Based on experience and to ensure the smooth running of your church wedding your co-operation is requested in the following matters:

1.Music

If Cassandra Pratt is to be the organist, please ensure that you have her agreement to your choice of hymns and music at least 4 weeks beforehand. You can speak to her in Church or email at cvpratt41@aol.com. The layout of the Church is very flexible and can be setup for everything from a string quartet to music from CD's.

2.Bells

Most couples wish to have the bells rung for their wedding. St Mary's has the oldest original ringable set of bells in the country. You should contact our tower captain, Odette Dawkins (OdetteDawkins@gmail.com) to book a team of ringers.

3.Seating

We have room, if necessary, for 120 guests. So we can plan and lay out a suitable seating arrangement for you, please ensure that your estimate of the numbers expected is provided and shown on the notice-board. We can provide you with an seating plan. We do have a ramp for wheelchairs but need notice to get it out and also we will need to be advised where you wish the wheelchair users to be placed on the seating plan. Any final questions about the seating can be sorted out at the rehearsal.

4. Rehearsal

A rehearsal with the priest a day or so before the ceremony is essential and should include the bride, groom, best man, usher/s bridesmaid/s and parent/s of the bride and groom.

Who can marry in one of our parish churches?

You can marry in a Church of England church if you can show:-

That one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months *or*
- was baptised in the parish concerned *or*
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish *or*
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months *or*

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months *or*
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months *or*

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

In all cases involving church services - i.e. going to normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services. Even if you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, we want to help you explore whether it may still be possible for you to marry in your special church.

There may be other considerations to be legally worked out, for example if one of you is a foreign national.

If you cannot meet the legal requirements it may still possible to have a wedding blessing service after you have had a civil ceremony.

8.Entrance

If you are advising your guests of any of the above you may also wish to tell them that the nearside narrow door will be closed and that they should enter by the large main door on the far side.

9. Transporting your guests

If arrangements are made to transport your guests from the hotel to the church and back, it would be preferable, particularly when the ground is soft, for them to be dropped and collected at the church gate. If the vehicles need to enter the field, they should not be taken beyond the end of the stone track and then reverse back to the road.

10. Gatekeeper

Please arrange for a reliable person to man the roadside gate from at least 35 minutes before the start of the service until the bridal car arrives. Their job is to ensure that your guests respect the parking requirements and that the gate is kept closed when not in use. Please remember to close the gates and respect the countryside.

11. Confetti

The priest will announce at the start of the service that only bird friendly bio-degradable confetti can be used and that it may be thrown within the churchyard but not in the field as it can badly affect the sheep.

12. Punctuality

Remember the Priest, Organist and Bellringers may have additional appointments after your wedding, so please do not be unduly late if it is most unfair if second weddings on the day are badly affected.

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• Checklist:

- Application form returned to the Rector along with deposit.
- Begin attending to qualify to marry at Fawsley at least 8 months before wedding.
- Arrange to have Banns read in the parish in which you live.

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