

Charges for Weddings

The cost of getting married in one of our churches will be given to you by the Parish Office. "The Marriage" together with the fee for the publication of Banns make up the absolute minimum, the other items are optional.

However, we recommend that you consider these in order to make your service as special as possible. In particular, we strongly recommend that you ask for the Organist.

- Publication of Banns
- The Marriage
- The Organist
- The Choir
- Bells
- Flowers (up to 3 pedestals)
- Video fee
- Printing (Order of Service)
- Heating

Prices will be confirmed at time of booking.

Blessings

Blessings of marriage and renewal of vows are available at both churches. The charge for blessings will be quoted by the Parish Office. Options (for example an organist) are as above.

Small private blessings are available at no charge but a donation to church funds would be welcome.



We should be grateful if you would let us know what your requirements are as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment.

The Parish Office will advise you on payment requirements and our deposit and cancellation policy.



Parking

Please note there are no public parking spaces on the Church premises.

There are, however, short- (3 hours max) and long-stay car parks near to St Paul's (in King Street, New Street, Silver Street, and Dowell Street)

Please note that free parking on the High Street, where permitted, is limited to one hour.

Bookings

Bookings should be made via the Parish Office (telephone 01404 44035) on Monday to Friday mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Alternatively by post to:
St Paul's Parish Office, 99 High Street,
HONITON EX14 1PG

Weddings



The Parish of St Paul's, Honiton

St Paul's, Honiton

St Paul's is a Georgian church right in the centre of Honiton on the High Street.

The building of St Paul's began in 1835 on the site of the old Allhallows School Chapel. It was dedicated by Henry Philpotts, Bishop of Exeter, in 1838, the year after Queen Victoria came to the throne. The building was designed by Charles Fowler, a Devon architect who chose a Norman/Romanesque style with rounded arches built from local chert and Beer stone. The tower is a conspicuous landmark both in the town and the Otter Valley. It is 104 feet high and houses a clock made in 1851.

The Forecourt, in front of the church, provides a flexible space for photographs.

Your Wedding

Preparation

Your first step to arranging a wedding in either of these churches is to contact either the Parish Office or one of the priests who work in the Honiton Mission Community. They will then take you through the necessary preliminary steps to enable your wedding to take place (this includes arranging for the Banns to be read).

Marriage is arguably the most important thing that you will do in your life, and so we believe that preparation is a vital part of getting ready not just for the day, but for the years that will follow. We therefore expect every couple to attend a wedding preparation day, usually held early in the New Year.

In addition, you will meet with the priest taking your wedding on a number of occasions to discuss the service – both its meaning and the shape and content of your particular service. The final meeting usually takes the form of a rehearsal in church for those who wish to have one, although this is not compulsory!

Publication of Banns

Banns of Marriage need to be read (published) at a main service in the church on three occasions in the three months prior to the wedding. These are read in both the parish church of the bride and of the groom (if different). The priest will give you a Banns of Marriage application form to complete and agree with you the three dates of publication of the Banns.

Choir & Organ

St Paul's had a new organ installed in 1999. This is a high standard of organ built by Kenneth Tickell & Co of Northampton. St Paul's also has a choir which is available to sing at your wedding.

Bells

The tower at St Paul's houses six bells from the Chapel of Allhallows School. Two more were added in 1949 to make up a peal of eight. The church has a team of bellringers available – if you arrange to have the bells at your wedding, they can ring as you enter or leave the church or both.

Flowers

There are usually flowers in St Paul's church (and these are available to you at no extra cost) but if you wish to have special flowers we have a team of flower arrangers who will do this for you. If you have special flowers at St Paul's, the main pedestals have to be left in the church after the wedding – other arrangements can be removed if you wish.

Video & Photography

Many churches do not allow videos because there are complex rules regarding copyright. You will be given advice explaining the procedure you need to follow if you wish to have your wedding videoed.

Photographs may not be taken using flash during the wedding ceremony. However, your photographer is welcome to take pictures as the bride arrives, at the signing of the registers and at the end of the service as the bride and groom process out.