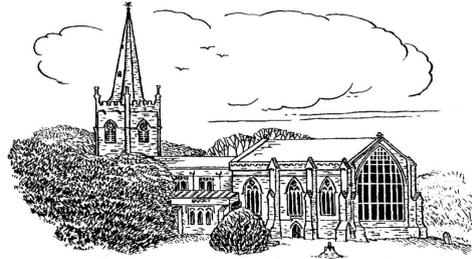


We wish you every blessing on your special day!



The Parish Church of
St John the Baptist
Dronfield

We are so pleased that you want to be married at Dronfield Parish Church and we will do all we can to make the service as happy and meaningful as possible. You will be in our prayers as the day approaches.

In this leaflet we try to help with the practical questions you may be asking. A preliminary booking is made by completing the online form at

<https://dronfieldteamministry.org/services/weddings>

We will arrange to confirm the booking by attending a "wedding surgery" at the Parish Office, 21 Church Street, Dronfield, S18 1QB. We will book an appointment with you on the first Wednesday of the month, 7 - 8.30pm. To contact the Office telephone 01246 412328 or email

office@dronfieldteamministry.org

In Advance – Getting Ready!

A Service of Wedding Music and Readings

One Sunday early in the new year there is a service at Dronfield Parish Church at 6.30pm, which will help you select hymns and readings for your wedding service. You will also be able to meet the minister taking the service.

Banns of Marriage

Most Church of England weddings take place after the calling of “Banns of Marriage” (and this must be done in both churches if you live in different parishes). If you live outside England or are not a UK citizen you may need a special license. At Dronfield Parish Church we call banns at the 10am service on the first three Sundays of the month before your wedding month. Couples often come to hear their banns being read out as part of the build-up to their big day.

If you do not live in this parish, you must make arrangements for the calling of banns in your own Church of England parish church. You should contact your local church at least three months before the marriage. They will then call your banns and you must collect the certificate for which there is a fee payable to that church of £54 (2023). This certificate, when collected, should be sent or brought to the Parish Office at least two weeks before the marriage.

Planning the Service

Music and Bells

Please let us know well in advance your music choices and whether you will want an organist, bells and/or choir. We have a very useful website www.dronfieldchurchmusic.com/weddingmusic. Visit this page and fill out and return the Wedding Music Form.

Meeting with your Minister

Two to three months before your wedding the minister who will be taking it will contact you and arrange to meet with you. You then need to agree the final choice of hymns and reading.

A useful website is: www.yourchurchwedding.org

This gives you a list of suitable readings and hymns and you can listen to the tunes as well!

Flowers

There are flowers in church most of the year except Advent and Lent. The purchasing and arranging of any additional flowers are your responsibility.

Rehearsal

Your Minister will arrange a wedding rehearsal with you, normally during the week before the marriage. It is preferred that parents, bridesmaids and best man/men attend, but this is not essential if significant travelling is involved. The purpose of inviting these key people to the rehearsal is so that they may all have the chance to familiarise themselves with the proceedings on the day.

Payment of Fees

One month before your wedding you will be sent a full statement of the cost (less the deposit you paid on booking). This should be paid two weeks before the wedding date. Payment should be made by bank transfer to the following account. (Sort code: 08-92-99, acc. no: 65888762, acc. name: Dronfield Parish Church (Co-operative Bank).

The 2023 fees are as follows (revised slightly each year):

Basic Wedding*	£879
Optional Extras	
Organist (professional)	£130
Choir (subject to availability)	£175
[They will lead the singing of hymns]	
Bells [Rung before and after the wedding]	£160

**This includes Calling the Banns at St John's Church; administration; Minister's, Verger's and Church fees and heating.*

On the Day

Please be punctual in arriving at the church, the bride should arrive no later than five minutes before the service is due to begin to allow the photographer time to get some good shots on arrival.

Confetti

Please recommend to your guests only biodegradable confetti and please ensure that no confetti is blown into the church!

Photography

This is an important part of your wedding ceremony but must not distract from the solemnity of the occasion. Photographers are welcome in any part of the church. After the service photos may be taken outside in the churchyard or inside if wet.

Videos can also be made, but bear in mind that the church has no responsibility under copyright law for any video recording taken on your behalf.

Marriage Certificate

After you have signed the Marriage Document during the service, the minister will send it off to the local registry office. You will need to contact them to arrange to collect a copy of your Marriage Certificate – this should be available after the registry has prepared it.

Other things to think about

If you are going on holiday soon after the wedding you should arrange for your passport to be updated if your name is changing. This can be done up to three months beforehand.

A printed Order of Service is useful.

You must have a Bible reading in the service, but other readings are also welcome. Could friends/family do a reading?

You need two witnesses, aged over 18 to sign the paperwork. The "giving away" can be done by anyone, and is optional.