

**You may find the following website helpful in your planning**

<http://www.yourchurchwedding.org>

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Photos are encouraged before and after the service; however, during the ceremony flash photography is not permitted and only the official photographer may take pictures.

**SOUND RECORDING** You are responsible for making your own tape recording if you wish to have one. Please note: the information regarding video recordings, as above, applies to sound recordings.

**CONFETTI** We do encourage confetti – however it must be biodegradable and only be used outside. We like to arrange a special photo ‘confetti moment’ after the ceremony.

There may be other weddings in the church before and/or after yours. These may not be known about at the time you book your wedding. However, two hours will be reserved for you, which allows about half an hour before your service for guests to arrive (and possibly some photographs) and then about three-quarters of an hour afterwards.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

**If you move house or want to change any of the arrangements you have made - time, date etc. or if you wish to cancel - it is essential that you let the Parish Office know immediately. 0117 9508644 [office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk](mailto:office@westbury-parish-church.org.uk)**

## **Prayer**

God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law; Grant to us your servants that, loving one another, we may continue in your love until our lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From the Marriage Service - adapted)



# HOLY TRINITY

WESTBURY ON TRYM - BRISTOL

Holy Trinity Church, Westbury-on Trym, Bristol BS9 3EQ

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

This is a very important time in your lives and we hope that you will enjoy it. We are here to help in any way that we can. We shall be holding you in our prayers and asking God to bless you both as you prepare for your wedding and to grant you every blessing and happiness in your marriage.

This leaflet is full of information that we think you will find helpful. We suggest you keep it in a safe place and re-read it from time to time.

In preparation for your marriage the Vicar, Father André Hart, or one of our clergy team will meet with you in the weeks prior to your wedding. They will contact you nearer the time to arrange this.

Wishing you God's blessing for your future together,

**Ruth Barsby**

Parish Secretary



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**BANNS** The **banns application form** with this leaflet should be completed and returned to the Parish Office soon. When filling in your application form please give your telephone number and post code and FULL names, including middle names. If a father is retired or deceased we need to know his previous occupation. The boxes on the form apply to the bride and groom unless specifically stated.

We will need to see some form of identification for you both – new regulations require this.

**By law**, your **banns** must be called in church on three (usually consecutive) Sundays at our main service (10.00am) within the three months before your wedding. It is our custom to call the Banns soon after the three months has begun. However, you can arrange particular dates for your Banns to be called by completing the box on the form. Please check the dates your banns will be called by ringing the Parish Office (0117 9508644, 9.30am-12.30pm Monday to Friday).

The law is very strict about the correct reading of banns. It is not a legal requirement that you are in Church to hear your Banns called but most couples like to do so and you will be very welcome. Please introduce yourselves to us.

**If one or both of you lives in another parish**, you must have your banns called there as well, during the same three months and you should arrange with the Vicar of that parish to do this. By law, you cannot be married here until you can show us a banns certificate from the other parish.

If you think you live within our parish please check <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> because our boundaries are not as wide as the postal district.

**THE MUSIC** We provide music of high quality played by very well qualified musicians. Usually the Church choirs will be available to sing, but occasionally we are unable to provide a choir for example during the school holidays. The Director of Music, David Ogden, email: [info@davidogden.co.uk](mailto:info@davidogden.co.uk) will be happy to advise you regarding the choice of music. Suggestions for suitable music may be found on the church website. When you have decided on this please discuss all aspects of the music with

the Director of Music and record them on the enclosed music form, returning it to him as soon as possible and not less than a month before your wedding.

**THE SERVICE BOOKLET** It is not necessary to have a printed order of service, but if you choose to have one, it is essential that you show a copy of your draft to the person who will be conducting the service before you take it to the printers. This is an opportunity to check for any errors.

**THE FEES** A list of fees for your marriage service is enclosed. The fees should be paid to the Parish Office, Church Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 3EQ, at the latest six weeks before your wedding. Please pay by cheque made payable to 'Westbury Parish Church Fees Account' (preferred). Fees may now be paid by bank transfer - contact the Parish Office for details if you wish to do this. The relevant paperwork needs to be sent to the Parish Office at the same time. Please also check the revised fees for the year in which your wedding occurs; there may be a small change.

**BELLS** If you wish to have the Church bells rung at your wedding please indicate this on the fees form and include the bell ringers' fee with the wedding fees.

**FLOWERS** Please discuss any aspect of flowers in the church with the Parish Office initially. We can arrange special flowers for your wedding if you wish or you can do your own if preferred.

**VIDEO OR NOT?** You must complete the relevant form indicating whether or not you intend having a videotaping of your Wedding. If you do decide to have a video recording made, this comes within the Copyright Laws (Copyright and Performers' Protection Acts) and these must be complied with by payment of a fee of £75. If anyone turns up at your wedding unexpectedly with a video it is your responsibility to tell them that this cannot be used unless the copyright fee is paid. This is an absolute legal requirement and churches are checked from time to time.