

# *Your Wedding in 2011*



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*The Parish of Burchetts Green*  
*St Mary the Virgin, Hurley*  
*St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green*  
*St James the Less, Stubbings*



## **Welcome to the Parish of Burchetts Green.**

Within our Parish we have three church buildings:

St Mary the Virgin, in Hurley  
St John the Evangelist, in Littlewick Green  
St James the Less, in Stubbings

If you wish to be married in one of our churches the first step is to contact Gilly Miall at the Parish Office (01628 820077) who will book a date with you, having first established that you are eligible to be married in this Parish.

### **Eligibility to be married in our churches**

Although recent legislation has expanded the scope, there is not a completely free choice as to which Church of England Parish you can get married in. If you are seeking a Christian marriage and one of you lives within the parish boundaries or has a 'Qualifying Connection' with the Parish, you are eligible to be married in one of our churches.<sup>1</sup> You have a 'Qualifying Connection' if either of you can show one of the following connections with the Parish:

that one of you:

- was baptised in the parish or
- was confirmed (by a C of E service) and the confirmation is entered in a our confirmation registers or
- has had a usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months or
- has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months or

that one of your parents:

- has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during your lifetime or

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<sup>1</sup>If either of you have been divorced you will need to meet the Bishop's Guidelines regarding the remarriage of divorcees – please contact the Parish Office for details.

- has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during your lifetime or

that one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish by a Church of England service

If you are relying on a ‘Qualifying Connection’ we will send you a form that sets out the evidence required if appropriate.

If one of you is a foreign national, or if you are living overseas, you may need to obtain a Common Licence or Special Licence in order to be married in our churches; contact the Parish Office for details.

### **Wedding Preparation Days 2011**

Before your wedding we will invite you to attend one of our ‘Wedding Preparation Days’ (normally on a Saturday, c10.00am-3.00pm but times may vary slightly) at which we will discuss various aspects of a church wedding (the reading of banns, the Order of Service etc.). The church believes it is very important that those who want to get married take time to consider deeply the steps being taken in committing each other to a life-long relationship. The ‘Wedding Preparation Day’ will touch on some of the issues and provides an opportunity for couples to share together ideas about ways in which relationships develop, and think about religious beliefs and the marriage service itself.

**On your Wedding Preparation Day you will meet the member of the clergy team who will be officiating at your wedding.**

At your ‘Wedding Preparation Day’ we will cover many aspects of your wedding in church. We set out below some things you need to be aware of and may like to start thinking about in the meantime.

### ***Banns of Marriage and the vital away banns***

Unless you are being married by Common or Special Licence, your banns must be read in our Parish at a principal service on three Sundays before your wedding. After reading your banns we will

\* Statutory Fees (correct at January 2011)

\*\* Please note: All videos will contravene the copyright laws unless you obtain a licence. If you are using a video (professional or amateur, including family and friends) you must hold a copyright licence and the Minister must see it before the wedding. This licence only gives permission for one agreed videographer to make the recording. Licences start from around £5.

Visit: [www.videollicence.co.uk](http://www.videollicence.co.uk) for further information and to make an application.

Copyright acknowledgement of the service content must be printed on your service sheet. Cf. Order of Service schedule.

### **Contacts**

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Also you may like to visit our website  
[www.burchettsgreenparish.org](http://www.burchettsgreenparish.org)

### ***Non- biblical readings***

You may like to include one or two other readings or poems which reflect your relationship. These need to be agreed with the minister officiating at your wedding.

### ***Order of Service***

At the Wedding Preparation Day you will be given a schedule of the headings you need for your Order of Service. Once you have chosen exactly what you want to include you are asked to liaise with your 'Officiating Minister' by email or otherwise **before** printing.

### ***Wedding Rehearsal***

Your rehearsal will probably take place on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before your wedding. Your Officiating Minister will agree a date and time with you. Those who should, if possible, be there in addition to yourselves are:

The Bridal Party (bridesmaids, page boys etc.)

Best Man

Father of the Bride (or whoever is processing with the bride)

Please bring a copy of your printed Order of Service to the rehearsal

### **Fees for 2011**

The Parish Office will send you notification of your wedding fees, depending on your requirements. Fees may be paid by cheque to the Parish Office to arrive at least 10 days before your wedding. The organist and vergers would appreciate their fees in cash in separate envelopes brought to your wedding rehearsal. The fees for 2011 are:

*Marriage Service	£262
*Marriage Certificate	£3.50
*Certificate of Banns	£12
*Publication of Banns	£22
Organist	£85
** if videoed	+£65
Permission to video	£50
Vergers	£35
Church running costs	£150

pray for you and your forthcoming wedding. We will inform you of the services at which we intend to read your banns. You do not have to attend, but recommend you do so at least once.

Unless you both live in our Parish you will need to arrange for your banns to be read in the parish(es) in which you live. These are known as your '**away banns.**' It is your responsibility to approach your parish (es) to arrange your away banns; they will need plenty of notice. Please be sure that you attend church at least once to hear your away banns read. Once your away banns have been read three times the parish will issue an 'away banns certificate'. Please be sure to collect your certificate from the other church(es). Whoever is officiating at your wedding will need to see this certificate before your marriage and **WILL NOT** marry you without seeing it, as it is a legal requirement. Once you have obtained it please send it to the Parish Office.

If you are being married by Common or Special licence then you do not need to have your banns read either in our Parish or elsewhere. However if you would like us to read your banns anyway then we will happily do so.

### ***Flowers***

If there is more than one wedding in the same church on the same day then you will need to liaise with the other party about flowers and colour schemes. Even if you are using a florist please contact our flower organisers. They need to know if you are leaving any flowers in church after your service. They may be able to organise flowers for you and they will also be able to advise you about the church building.

Hurley	Margaret Jackson	01628 824336
Stubbings	Kirsty Findlay	01628 620936
Littlewick Green	Yvonne Tomlins	01628 822862

### ***Confetti***

Please ensure your guests do not throw confetti inside our churches. Confetti may be used outside the churches provided it is biodegradable.

### **Guests**

All three of our churches have a similar seating capacity. Up to 100 guests can be accommodated with ease, up to 120 is possible without guests having to stand. If you are expecting more than 100 please let us know. You are welcome to invite children to attend your wedding service but please be aware that as well as being a celebration, the service also includes profound promises and all the congregation, including children, are asked to respect this fact.

### **Photographs and Video**

We will discuss this with you on the Wedding Preparation Day.

### **Music**

At the Wedding Preparation Day we will discuss music options with you. Our organists may be willing to meet you and play some of the more commonly used music to help you make your choice. Popular choices of music include:

#### **Processional**

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel
Bridal March from Lohengrin	Wagner
Hornpipe in F from the Water Music	Handel
Trumpet Tune	Purcell
Trumpet Voluntary	J Clarke
Finale from the Water Music	Handel
Wedding March (from A Midsummer Night's Dream)	Mendelssohn

#### **Signing of the Registers**

Adagio	Albinoni
Air from the Water Music	Handel
Brother James' Air	Macbeth Bain
Jesu, joy of man's desiring	Bach

You need to discuss music with the Organist; contact details are:

Hurley	Linda Roberts	01628 824362
Littlewick Green	Nigel Wilkinson	01628 825676
Stubbings	David Colthup	01628 529861

### **Wedding Hymns**

Within reason, the choice is yours. Some popular choices you might consider are listed below, the words of which will be on a CD provided at the Wedding Preparation Day, but you may choose other appropriate hymns.

All things bright and beautiful	Lead us Heavenly Father lead us
Amazing grace	Lord of all hopefulness
Bind us together, Lord	Lord of the dance
The Lord's my Shepherd (Crimond)	Love divine all loves excelling
Dear Lord and Father of mankind	Make me a channel of your peace
Give me Joy in my heart	Morning has broken
Guide me, O thou great redeemer	Now thank we all our God
Jerusalem	O Jesus I have promised

### **Scripture Readings**

Your wedding service must include at least one reading from the Bible. The full text of the following readings is included on the CD you will be given on your Wedding Preparation Day

Genesis 1.26-28	Philippians 4.4-9
Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7	Colossians 3.12-17
Jeremiah 31.31-3	1 John 3.18-end
Ecclesiastes 4. 9-12	1 John 4.7-12
Tobit 8.4-8	Matthew 5.1-10
Romans 7.1,2,9-18	Matthew 7.21,24-end
Romans 8.31-35,37-39	Mark 10.6-9,13-16
Romans 12.1,2,9-13	John 2.1-11
Romans 15.1-3,5-7,13	John 15.1-8
1 Corinthians 13	John 15.9-17
Ephesians 3.14-end	Psalms 67
Ephesians 4.1-6	Psalms 121
Ephesians 5.21-end	Psalms 127
	Psalms 128