

Some information to help you when you're planning your service

The Church of England has a helpful website: www.yourchurchwedding.org on this website you can listen to hymns on-line, view the lyrics, choose Bible readings, and even print out a complete personalised order of service which we can discuss with you when we meet. It can also add your names into the vows, so you can see exactly the promises that you will be making at the service.

Order of service

We like to use this pattern for the order of service though you don't need to write in all the headings and how many hymns you choose is your decision. We'd be grateful if you would keep to the outline order agreed with your minister.

- Entry music
- Opening prayer (you can include words so everyone can say this)
- Hymn
- Marriage preface and declarations
- Reading(s) to include one Bible reading
- Reflections on marriage
- Hymn
- The Marriage
- Prayers
- Signing of registers
- Hymn
- Lord's prayer (please include the words in your order of service)
- Blessing
- Recessional music

Music suggestions

CDs can be used for entrance and recessional music however the sound tends to be less full than when the organ is played. The choice is however completely yours.

Suggestions for Entrance Music (as the bride comes up the aisle)

- Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin (Wagner) The most popular choice
- Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
- Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
- Pachelbel Canon (Johann Pachelbel)
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)
- Hornpipe - from Water Music (Handel)
- Jesu Joy of Mans Desiring (Bach)

- **Recessional (as the couple walk down the aisle to leave the church)**
- **Wedding March (Mendelssohn)** The all-time favourite
- **Charpentier : Trumpet Tune**
- **Stanley : Trumpet Voluntary (could be used for entrance also)**
- **Handel : Overture (from Fireworks Music)**
- **Finale - from Water Music (Handel)**

Signing the registers

CDs of your choice can be played. Or the choir can sing some anthems or the organist can play music of your choice. If you want the choir to sing or organist to play then if you discuss with the organist she can help you make your choices.