

Qualifying Connections

I can claim a qualifying connection to the parish where I wish to marry if:

- I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)
- I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a church or chapel in the parish
- My parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England service
- I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months
- My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime
- I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months
- My parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime

Note - In the Church of England Marriage Measure a parent means:

A parent of either a legitimate or an illegitimate child; or
an adoptive parent (This requires legal adoption); or
a person "who has undertaken the care and upbringing" of another person.

For a grandparent

one of the above three types of relationship must apply between each generation and the next, i.e. between the grandparent and the parent and between the parent and the person seeking marriage.

Details taken from –
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