

How do I start exploring Marriage?

First of all we invite you to come along to the Abbey or to St. Peter's in Monkmoor Road and to get to know us.

Then, if you then feel you would like to talk to us about a Wedding, speak to one of the Ministry Team after a service or contact us via the Abbey Office—all details of services and contacts are on the back.

We will ask you to take a look at the Church of England website which is at:

www.yourchurchwedding.org

Perhaps say this prayer over the next days and weeks as you think about this special step in your lives

Dear God

We thank you for our lives and for the lives of our families. Please help us to feel your presence day by day and to explore Marriage with an open heart and mind.

We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Main service times

Shrewsbury Abbey

Sunday 10.00am and 3.00pm

Thursday 12.00 noon

St. Peter's

Sunday 10.30am

Wedding Page

There is a wealth of material on our web site

<http://www.shrewsburyabbey.com>
Go to 'Sacred' and then 'Weddings'

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How do I arrange a Wedding?

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A Wedding Day, and a married life

Firstly - have a look at our main web page - click on the word Weddings

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For Christians, marriage is a public statement before God and our families and friends that we want to make the commitment of a lifetime. The day a marriage begins, the Wedding Day, is also very special.

Getting married in a Church of England has legalities! Normally you can be married in a Church of England if

- 1. Either of you live in the Parish**
- 2. Either of you are on the Church Electoral Roll**
- 3. Either of you have a Qualifying Connection - there's quite a list!**

You will need to discuss this with us.

If you have been married before there is no automatic right to be married in the Church - again you would need to discuss this with us.

What will we promise to you

We will not hurry a Wedding unless there is a clear 'emergency'.

We will explain very clearly the Christian understanding of marriage and we will look at what it means to be part of the Christian family of God within marriage.

We will do our best to make you feel welcomed and to answer any questions you have of us.

We will try to get to know you so your Wedding Day will feel personal.

We will give you the opportunity to find out more about Jesus and the Christian life.

We will help you plan your Wedding Day and we will offer you help with thinking about how you might approach a lifetime of marriage.

We will do this all—gently.

What will we ask of you

We will ask you to take the time to think about and prepare for your Wedding Day and not to try to make it feel rushed.

We will invite you to come to church regularly to get to know us and to help make you feel at home.

We will ask you to let us explain to you the history and meaning of marriage in the Christian community and why we think it is 'a better way'.

We will ask you for formal identification as we are 'Registrars' for the purposes of marriage.

We will ask you for a deposit of £100 within 21 days of booking the Wedding Day.

We will then ask you to settle the balance of the fees in full 21 days in advance of the Wedding Day.