

If you would like your marriage service in church, please contact the vicar (see back of leaflet) to arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility of marrying in one of the Dassett Magna Churches.



*St. Botolph,
Farnborough,
OX17 1DZ*

*All Saints'
Burton Dassett
CV47 2AB*



*St. Peter and St. Clare
Fenny Compton
CV47 2YE*

*St. Giles
Gaydon
CV35 0ET*



*The Chapel of Ease
Northend
CV47 2TH*

DOCUMENTS TO TAKE WHEN MEETING THE VICAR

All couples need to show the vicar their passport as proof of nationality. If you don't have a passport, there are other documents which would be acceptable are

- birth certificate.
- National identity card from the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland.
- certificate of registration.
- certificate of naturalisation.
- biometric residence card or permit.
- travel document.

If either or both of you are divorced, you will need to bring your decree absolute for the vicar to see.

You will also need to provide evidence of your connection to the church, such as utility bills which show you live or have lived in the parish, or your parents' marriage certificate if they were married there, for example.

WEDDING FEES

The Vicar will discuss these with you but the Church of England website includes these and a lot more useful wedding information.

<https://www.yourchurchwedding.org>

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YOUR CHURCH WEDDING

IN DASSETT MAGNA



THE DASSETT MAGNA GROUP

*Avon Dassett with Fenny Compton,
Burton Dassett, Farnborough,
Gaydon with Chadshunt*

WHAT ARE THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO GET MARRIED IN CHURCH?

There are certain things that must happen in a church wedding to ensure the marriage complies with both UK civil and church law.

You need to prove that one of you:

- ❖ has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- ❖ was baptised (christened) in the parish concerned, or
- ❖ is confirmed and your confirmation was entered in the register of confirmations for a church or chapel in the parish, or

or

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- ❖ has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- ❖ has regularly gone to church services in the parish church for a period of at least six months, or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- ❖ was married in the parish

If you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, you could create one, simply by attending the church's usual services at least once a month for six consecutive months. If you decide to do this, please leave enough time after your attendance for the banns to be read before your wedding too - about another two months should be enough.

If you don't live within the parish where you are being married you will also need to get in touch with the Vicar at your local church to have the Banns read.



WHEN CAN WE GET MARRIED?

Weddings are usually on Saturdays but they can be any day of the week. Due to high demand for Saturdays in the summer, please contact us as soon as possible if you want a particular date.

WHAT IS IN THE SERVICE?

The vicar can help you with the order of service and readings etc. We recommend that you get a draft copy of your *Order of Service* to be "checked over" by them before passing it to the printer. The music you choose can be played on the church organ from CD's.

The service may last up to an hour. However, if you want photographs as you leave church, you will need to allow plenty of time them to be taken.

DOES IT MATTER IF EITHER OF US IS DIVORCED?

While the Church believes marriage is a lifelong commitment, we recognise that, sadly, some marriages do fail for a variety of reasons. Divorcees can re marry in church; however, the vicar will want to talk frankly with you about the past and your hopes for the future before deciding if they can marry you.

GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH

DO YOU NEED TO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED TO MARRY IN CHURCH?

No. We encourage everyone who is marrying in church to think about why they want to do so, and if you aren't baptised (christened) we would be happy to discuss this with you - but there's no requirement that you must be baptised

ONE OF US IS FROM A DIFFERENT CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION DOES THAT MATTER?

No! We welcome people from all Christian denominations for marriage in our church. If you are regular members of another congregation, it's possible to involve your priest/ minister/ pastor in part of the service, although a Church of England minister must officiate at the marriage.

