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**Christ Church Eaton**

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## 2026 WEDDING INFORMATION FOR CHRIST CHURCH, EATON

Congratulations on your engagement! We're delighted that you're considering getting married in Christ Church and we hope that the information below will be helpful. We love hosting weddings and will do everything we can to support you both, from booking a date to helping you organise the service, on the wedding day itself and into the future.

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### How to Book

To book your wedding at Christ Church, please follow these steps:

1. **Check Availability:** You can use the online Events Calendar at [What's On - Event Diary](#) or contact the Parish Office to check date availability.
2. **Contact the Vicar:** Speak with [Patrick, the Vicar](#), 01603 250844, to discuss your plans and arrange to meet (see meetings below).
3. **Meet to Complete the Welcome Form:** At this meeting, you will confirm your details (e.g., identity, address, and citizenship).
4. **Agree a Date with the Vicar:** Your wedding date is only confirmed once it has been agreed with the vicar.
5. **Booking Confirmation:** The Office will contact you to pay the banns fee (£39 for 2026). Your booking is confirmed when you receive written confirmation from the Office.
6. **Finalising:** Bookings can only be completed once fees are updated at the start of the year of the wedding. For final confirmation, please contact the Office.

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### Meetings

- **Welcome Meeting:** You'll meet with the Vicar to confirm your details and discuss your wedding plans.
- **Service Meetings:** You may meet with the Vicar, officiating priest, or organist to discuss details of your service.
- **Rehearsal:** Rehearsals typically take place on Thursday evenings at church during the week of your wedding. Other times are available by mutual arrangement.

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### Fees (2026)

#### Mandatory Fees

1. **Marriage Service Fee:** £566
2. **Publication of Banns at Christ Church:** £39 (unless not marrying by banns)
3. **Heating Fee:** £100 (Mandatory October-April, optional at other times)

#### Optional Fees

4. **Music Fees:**
  - Standard fee: from £135
  - With choir: from £150 (organist) + £85 (choir)
  - Extra for recordings: £50 (organist)
5. **Livestream/Zoom Recording by the Church:** £50

## Legal Requirements

- **Banns of Marriage:**
  - Publication fee: £39
  - Certificate fee: £20 (needed for banns published at another church).
  - Banns must be read on three Sundays at both your home parish and Christ Church.
  - The wedding must take place within three months of the banns being called.
  - Ensure certificates from other parishes are sent to Christ Church at least two weeks before your wedding.
  - If you are uncertain about any aspect of the banns process or fees, contact the Parish Office ([office@eatonchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@eatonchurches.org.uk), 01603 473646) for guidance.
- **Marriage Certificates:**

Only the Register Office now issues marriage certificates. More information is available [here](#)

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## Music

### Guidelines:

- Visiting musicians and singers are welcome; however, the standard organist fee (£135) is still payable to the resident organist if a guest organist is used.
- Recorded music is allowed; no extra fee applies if no organist is playing.
- Contact Matt Wright, our organist, at [organist@christchurch-eaton.org.uk](mailto:organist@christchurch-eaton.org.uk) or 17 St Anne's Road, Framingham Earl, Norwich, NR14 7TH.

### Meeting with the Organist:

- Matt will aim to meet couples on Sundays, after the 10am service.

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## Flowers

- Arrange your own flowers or hire a florist.
- The Office will send a flower form for you to complete.
- Leave some flowers for Sunday services if your wedding is on Friday or Saturday (except during Advent, the weeks before Christmas, or Lent, the weeks before Easter).
- Church flowers can be temporarily moved to the windowsills near the kitchen cupboard.

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## Practical Details

1. **Parking:** Limited spaces are available near the church. Guests are encouraged to park in nearby streets without blocking roads or driveways.
2. **Confetti:** Use biodegradable options like rice or rose petals. Avoid throwing confetti near church doors.
3. **Photos and Videos:**
  - Professional photographers can use flash during the signing of the registers.
  - Guests may take photos with flash during the entrance and exit of the bridal party if you would like.
  - **Livestreaming and Recording Options:** The church offers livestreaming and recording via Zoom for a fee (see fees above).

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## Additional Donations

We welcome donations to support the upkeep of Christ Church and its service to the community. For more details, visit [Giving - Christ Church](#).