This leaflet contains information and suggestions from Matt, our organist, for the music at your wedding.

A Message from Matt, our Organist

To make your special day a musically memorable one please contact me as soon as possible to arrange an informal meeting. Usually this would take place after a Sunday service when I will be more than happy to play extracts from the pieces in this document and answer any questions you may have.

Please do not leave it too late! - 3-4 months before your wedding is ideal.

A choir is usually available although holidays may reduce the number of singers. Please bear in mind that most of the choir work during the week so often a choir for a wedding taking place on a weekday or 'unusual' time can be tricky. Again, please contact me sooner than later if you have any unusual requests! Thank you.

Occasionally a family member or friend is an organist and you might like to ask them to play. That is fine, but please ask me first and be aware as the resident organist I am contracted to receive the usual fee.

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Music Suggestions

At Entry of the Bride:

Bridal Chorus, from Lohengrin Wagner
March, from Scipio Handel
Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba Handel (Very long - works best as an exit piece)

At the Exit of Bride and Groom:

Wedding March Mendelssohn

Toccata in F Widor

Now Thank We All Our God Karg-Elert

Ode to Joy Beethoven

Any of the trumpet voluntaries eg J Clarke, J Stanley or H Purcell make suitable entry and exit pieces

Hymns:

Normally 3 hymns are sung during the service. You may find <u>this link</u> helpful in choosing your hymns. Please consult with us regarding the hymns you wish to sing.

During Signing of the Registers:

While the registers are signed the organist may play, or if requested, the choir may sing an anthem.

Organ:

The three most popular pieces at this point in the service are:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach
Air, from Water Music Handel
Canon in D Pachelbel

Choir:

Popular requests for the choir are:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach Ave Verum Corpus Mozart

O Taste and See Vaughan Williams

However, anything (within reason) is possible. Please ask sooner rather than later - if you leave it to the last minute you may be disappointed!