

# MARRIAGE INFORMATION SHEET

We are glad you are in touch with us about your wedding plans. Marriage involves legal as well as practical arrangements. We hope these notes will provide much of the information you need with regards to the legal arrangements, please [get in contact here](#) to discuss practical arrangements and any other questions.

## WHICH CHURCH?

The Law says that you can be married in this Church if either (or both) of you are resident in our Parish (including the 3 weeks during which the Banns are called) or if either of you has your name entered on the Electoral Roll of the Parish.

In order to marry in the parish church of a parish other than the one where you or your fiance/e are living or have an Electoral Roll qualification, you will need to demonstrate one of the following 'qualifying connections'.

### **That:**

- one of you was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- one of you has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- one of you has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- one of your parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in your lifetime;
- one of your parents has regularly attended public worship here for six months or more in your lifetime;
- your parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

## THE BANNS

Banns are a verbal notice of your intention to marry, and are a legal requirement prior to marriage. They will need to be read three times prior to your wedding day.

If either of you are not resident in this Parish then you must make arrangements for the Banns to be read in the parish where you live, obtain a certificate from that Church to say this has been done, and give it to us before your wedding. The responsibility for arranging this remains with you – it is a legal requirement so do make all the necessary arrangements. You cannot be married unless we have the appropriate certificate.

If either of you is not of British nationality you may need a Licence instead of Banns.

If you are getting married at another church but you need your BANNS reading at St Nicholas, please get in contact with us via the link above.