

Planning your Wedding

in the Dickleburgh and Pulhams Benefice

We are happy to conduct weddings in all our churches. To book your wedding, go to Dickleburgh Church rooms on any Saturday morning between 10.00am and 11.00am. Weddings are often booked a year in advance, so you need to return to the Church Rooms in the early part of the year of your wedding, to receive the final details and arrange dates for the banns to be called.

A wedding is a big occasion, and needs lots of preparation. These are just a few notes from the Church to help you plan your wedding.

Flowers

You may want to organise your own flowers, or you may want the Church to help. Whichever approach you decide, you need to contact one of our flower organisers. They will be able to tell you about the number of pedestals and vases we have available. Do remember to order flowers early, as florists often have quite a rush during the wedding season.

Pulham Market	Contact Audry Alexander	Tel 01379 676620
Pulham St Mary	Contact Joan Chapman	Tel 01379 676388
Dickleburgh	Contact Kathy Leeder,	Tel 10379 741669
Rushall		
Starston	Contact Ruth Cawcutt,	Tel 01379 852087.
Thelveton	Contact Jackie Jones,	Tel 01379 740920.

Tollgate Cottage, 37 Norwich Road, Thelveton, IP21 4NG

Music

There are normally three hymns during the service, so you need to decide which hymns you'd like. Music is usually played during the signing of the registers. If you would like something special played you need to specify it. You also need to think about music for the bride to enter church, and music for both of you to leave church. Contacts are;

Pulham Market	Organist Joe Witham	Tel 01508 530985
Rushall	Organist Joe Witham	Tel 01508 530985
Pulham St Mary	Organist Katy Andrew	Tel 01379 676617
Dickleburgh	Musical Director Rebecca Heaser	Tel 01603 812472.
Starston	Sheena Duncan	Tel 01379 854385.
Thelveton	Organist Adrian Kitchen,	Tel 01379 642468.

They can help with these decisions, and again need to know your musical requirements reasonably well in advance.

Bells

In Dickleburgh, Pulham Market, Pulham St Mary and Starston bells can be rung before and after your wedding service. The Tower Captain can tell you more about bells, and he needs to know well in advance whether or not you require bells for your wedding as he will need to arrange to have available six or eight ringers.

- ☆ Pulham Market & Pulham St Mary: Brian Carr Tel 01379 676292
Lands Farm, Ducksfoot Road, Pulham Market, Diss, IP21 4YD.
- ☆ Dickleburgh: Mike Hodgkinson Tel 01379 740042
55 Merlewood, Dickleburgh, Diss, IP21 4PL
- ☆ Starston: Herbert Websdell Tel 01379 853967

Photography in church

Many couples employ a professional photographer for their wedding day. Whether or not you have a professional, we ask that all photographers should be discreet and should strictly avoid flash since we want to make sure that there are no unwelcome distractions. If you want a professional video, we require the photographer to be discreet and to use a telephoto lens so that the video can be taken from a distance. Because of royalties and performing rights, we need to double the organist's fee if there is to be a video.

Order of Service

Most couples prefer to have a printed order of service - and it's a nice keepsake of the occasion. Many firms will print service orders reasonably cheaply, or you can run off copies yourself on a home computer. You do need the hymns printed out in full, and it's quite helpful to have the Lord's Prayer printed out too. The normal order of service is as follows:

Opening music
Welcome
Hymn
The Declarations
Reading(s)
Address
The Marriage
Hymn
Prayers and Lord's Prayer
Blessing
Hymn
Signing of the registers
Closing music

If you want to have a look at the service prior to the rehearsal, you can find it on this website: [Weddings in Anglican Churches](#)

Rehearsal

The rehearsal for the wedding is usually a couple of evenings before the wedding, so that for a Saturday wedding the rehearsal would be on the Thursday evening, at 7.00pm. But contact the priest who is conducting the wedding to make absolutely sure.

Fees

You will be invoiced for the service about a month before your wedding.

The fees for 2009 are:	Basic service	£280.00
	Organist	£50.00
	Verger	£25.00
Available at Dickleburgh only:	Choir	£100.00
Varies according to the church:	Bells	