



Qualification for Marriage at All Saints' Church, Wytham

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We very much welcome weddings at our church. Below is guidance on how a couple can qualify under the Church of England 2008 Marriage Measure

Text *in italics* shows only the cases where baptism is required of either the bride or the groom.

Yes, a couple can marry in this church if one of them:

1. Lives in the parish **or**
2. *Is on the church's electoral roll*

And **Yes**, they can also marry in this church if:

One of them:

3. Has at any time lived in the parish for at least six months **or**
4. Has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least six months – see note below – **or**
5. *Was baptised in the parish or*
6. *Was prepared for confirmation in the parish or*

One of their parents, at any time after they were born:

7. Has lived in the parish for a period of at least six months **or**
8. Has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least six months **or**

One of their parents or grand parents:

9. Was married in the parish.

If none of 1-9 applies, **yes**, they can still marry in this church if:

10. They are granted a Special Licence. **Special licences are granted only in exceptional circumstances**

Note to **Point 4** – Unless the prospective bride or groom is already a regular worshipper here, attendance at normal church services of at least once a month, for six months before banns are called, is required.

Applicants for a Special Licenceshould have a genuine and long standing demonstrable link to the church building (and its congregation/worshipping community) where they wish to be married, which is sufficiently strong to justify the issue of a Licence. As part of this, applicants for a Special Licence will usually need to show a worshipping connection over a period of time with the church where they wish to marry.

If a couple does not satisfy these requirements but still feels there is a good reason for being granted a Special Licence, the Minister who is going to conduct the wedding should write to the Faculty Office, on behalf of the couple, explaining the circumstances. Special Licences do not issue on aesthetic or sentimental grounds or to facilitate pre-planned wedding receptions.

For more information, please contact Kathy Day-Dawson, Churchwarden by email churchwarden@wytham-church.org.uk or call 01865 247 697