

Guidance notes for those wishing to get married at St Michael's Horton.

We suggest that you provisionally book the church as soon as you know a date: we can be flexible unless someone else has booked the day you want!

We usually invite you to a "More Tea Vicar" session where you can ask questions and start the process with the vicar and the admin team. There are lots of things to think about:

- The banns (at the wedding church and your local church/es if they are different)
- Deposit to secure the date
- Church of England Wedding fees (see "useful link" below)
- Any local fees that may apply
- Music
- Bells
- Separate arrangements if either of you have been married before and / or are not a UK national

And of course there are forms to complete

Nearer the date you will be invited to a Marriage Preparation course

The Admin team will contact you for the names of your witnesses, arrangements regarding bells, flowers, music etc.

About a week before the wedding there will be a rehearsal – it would help if the members of the wedding party with a role (ushers, bridesmaids, bride's father, best man etc.) can attend

Please do not hesitate to contact the admin team if you have any questions or concerns – we are happy to help

Other important info:

- Please advise your guests that no smoking is permitted in the church or the church grounds.
- Please be aware that a late start (>10 minutes) could result in a shortened service or in the worst case the wedding having to be rearranged – the organist, bell ringers or vicar may have other weddings to attend
- Please also note that any external or unique additional internal decorations to the church / churchyard / lytch gate must be authorised by the Churchwardens for the appropriate Parish and removed immediately after the service by the couples' families.
- Confetti is allowed at the lytch gates only and it must be biodegradable rice paper only. Thank you.

Every blessing and good wishes!

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Useful link: <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/article/the-cost-of-church-weddings/>

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