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***God is love, and those who live in love live in God:
and God lives in them.***

1 John 4.16

INTRODUCTION

This booklet is designed to help you with the choices and decisions you have to take about your wedding. The wedding clerks and clergy are committed to assist you with your preparations and to help make your wedding day the best possible.

In this booklet you will find information on:

- ◇ *Wedding Day reminder*
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WEDDING DAY REMINDER

In the event of the groom or bride being late, the church reserves the right to reduce the length of the wedding service, move the service to a time later on the same day or in extreme conditions cancel the service.



PRINTED ORDER OF SERVICE

You do not need to have an order of service for the ceremony but it can help enormously those who are attending to have the words of the hymns at least in front of them. The Parish Office can help with a simple order of service; please contact the Parish Administrator for details.

Many couples choose to use a professional printer to help them with their orders of service or some print it themselves.

Some guidelines:

On the outside cover -

The printer will make suggestions for any artwork and he will need to know the name of the church: This is:
'The Church of Holy Cross and St Lawrence, Waltham Abbey'

- or you may prefer just 'Waltham Abbey Church'.

Inside Cover

The title and the composer of the music selected for the entry of the bride.

HYMN (as selected - the words in full)

THE INTRODUCTION

THE READING (*see readings at the end of this booklet or if you have other suggestions please discuss this with a wedding clerk*).

THE ADDRESS

THE MARRIAGE

Includes:

The Vows:

I, *N*, take you, *N*, to be my wife/husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

And the giving of the rings

N, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BLESSING OF HUSBAND AND WIFE

HYMN (words, of course, in full)

THE PRAYERS

(The clergy will discuss with you various options of prayer for yourselves, the world and others you may want to include)

Including **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE COUPLE AND THE CONGREGATION

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTERS

(if you have arranged for any particular music or singing during the signing, then it might be mentioned here.)

EXIT MUSIC The title and composer,
of the music selected for the procession out of the church.



MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING

The Director of Music at Waltham Abbey is delighted to give you all the specialist help and advice that you wish. For the majority of weddings at the church he will play the organ and/or direct the choir. He is best contacted by email: wedding@stephenbullamore.co.uk. If you don't have email please call on 07966 257679.

ORGAN MUSIC

The Abbey Church houses one of the largest organs in Essex. The Director of Music is a professional organist and will be delighted to meet with you at the church to help choose the organ music for your wedding. There is a huge amount of music available to you, a small selection of which is included below. The fee for the organist is included in the cost of your wedding at the church.

Title	Composer	Suitable for:	SIGNING THE REGISTERS	EXIT
		ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE		
Bridal March	Wagner	√		
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba	Handel	√		√
Prelude from Te Deum	Charpentier	√		√
In dir ist Freude	Bach	√		
Hornpipe from Water Music	Handel	√		√
Trumpet Voluntary (<i>The Prince of Denmark's March</i>)	Clarke	√		√
Wedding March	Mendelssohn			√
Toccata from Symphony No 5	Widor			√
Finale from Symphony No. 1	Vierne			√
Carillon Sortie	Mulet			√
Toccata	Dubois			√
Fantasia in G Major	Bach			√

Title	Composer	Suitable for:		
		ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE	SIGNING THE REGIS- TERS	EXIT
Nun danket alle Gott	Karg Elert			√
Sortie in Eb	Lefebure- Wely			√
Jesu, joy of man's desiring (see also choir section)	Bach		√	
Ave Maria (see also solo section)	Bach/ Gounod		√	
Ave Maria (see also solo section)	Schubert		√	
Largo from Serse	Handel		√	
Air from Water Music	Handel		√	
Air from Suite No.3	Bach		√	
Bourrée from Water Music	Handel		√	
Canon in D	Pachelbel		√	
Chanson de Matin	Elgar		√	
Lied	Vierne		√	
Berceuse	Vierne		√	
Priere a Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique	Boellmann		√	

SOLO MUSIC

The Director of Music is usually able to recommend a soloist to sing at your wedding and can make the booking on your behalf. The soloist normally sings during the signing of the registers. If you elect to have a choir singing at your wedding as well as a soloist, the soloist will normally sing in the choir as well. Unless you specify a preference beforehand, the Director of Music will recommend the voice of the soloist according to choice of music. A small selection of suggestions:

Title	Composer	
		SIGNING THE REGISTERS
Ave Maria (see also organ section)	Bach/Gounod	√
Ave Maria (see also organ section)	Schubert	√
Bist du bei mir	JS Bach	√
Du bist die Ruh	Schubert	√
Du Ring an Meinem Finger	Schumann	√
Ombra Mai Fu	Handel	√
Panis Angelicus	Franck	√

The cost of a soloist may vary according to availability, but expect to pay in the region of £80. Contact the Director of Music for a quotation. **Please do not book soloists without contacting the Director of Music.**

CHOIR MUSIC

A choir can serve an important role when taking part in a Wedding service. The choir gives a strong lead in all the congregational parts of the service - both said and sung. They can sing music for the signing of the registers and can also sometimes sing a psalm or a sung blessing. Occasionally the choir might sing the bride up the aisle!

The Director of Music can recommend and make the booking on your behalf for either a quartet (4 singers) or an octet (8 singers).

The following list shows music which can be successful at various points in the service, but is by no means exhaustive. The church owns copies of all the music listed (and much more besides!). If you request a piece not owned by the church you may be asked to pay for the copies required. Illegal photocopies must not be used in the Abbey Church.

Title	Com-poser	Singers required	Suitable for:		
			ENTRANCE OF THE BRIDE	SIGNING THE REGISTERS	BLESSING
Zadok the Priest	Handel	8	√	√	
I was glad	Parry	8*	√	√	
Ubi Caritas	Durufle	8		√	√
My beloved spake	Hadley	8*		√	
O God, thou art my God	Purcell	8		√	
How beautiful upon the mountains	Stainer	4/8		√	
The Lord Bless you and keep you	Rutter	4/8		√	√
A Gaelic Blessing	Rutter	4/8		√	√
Jesu, joy of man's desiring (see also organ music)	Bach	4/8		√	
Ave Maria	Parsons	8		√	
Set me as a seal upon thine heart	Walton	8		√	
Locus Iste	Bruckner	4/8		√	
Sing Joyfully	Byrd	8		√	
Cantique de Jean Racine	Faure	4/8		√	

The Director of Music is able to help with booking a choir, the cost which may vary according to availability. Prices start at £220. Items listed with a * above will require a conductor as well as an organist. **Please do not book a choir without contacting the Director of Music.** A choir booked through the Director of Music will usually be drawn from the regular Abbey Choir which can be heard most Sundays in the Church. You are free to book your own, but please inform the Director of Music.

HYMNS

Try to choose hymns that you and your congregation will know. If you are at all unsure that your friends and family will be confident singing lustily at your wedding we strongly recommend booking at least a 4-voice choir. The following is a selection of popular choices.

Amazing Grace
Give my Joy in my Heart
Great is thy faithfulness
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!
At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow
Come Down, O Love Divine
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Guide me, O thou Great Redeemer
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
Lord of all hopefulness
Lord of the Dance (I danced in the Morning)
Love divine, all loves excelling (Unless you specify otherwise, the tune used will be "Blaenwern")
O Jesus, I have promised (You MUST specify which tune you want for this hymn - there are 4 to choose from. Please ask the Director of Music for advice)
O Praise ye the Lord
O Worship the King all glorious above
Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven
Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to pay extra to video or record my wedding?

No. All musicians engaged by the Abbey Church or through the Director of Music include phonographic copyright in their fees.

I would like to engage my own organist - can I do this?

Yes, but you will still be liable for the fee due to the Abbey organist. Similarly if you decide you don't want an organist at all this fee will still be included as part of your price.

I would like to engage a trumpeter/string quartet/other musicians. Can you help?

Yes, the Director of Music has contacts throughout the music industry. You are welcome to engage your own if you prefer. Please put them in touch with the Director of Music if they need piano or organ accompaniment or rehearsal time in the building.

I would like to engage another choir to sing - is this OK? Yes.

I would like to engage a professional soloist to sing - is this OK?

Yes. If you prefer, the Director of Music can arrange this for you.



RINGING BELLS AT WEDDINGS

A wedding is a time of great enjoyment not only for the happy couple but also for the guests. Part of this enjoyment can be the ringing of bells to accompany the wedding procession. If the couple desire the bells to be rung, then it would be our intention to ring them as the couple leave the church for about a fifteen minute duration.

We ask you to take into consideration that the bellringers are not always available to attend, due to their own commitments, but that every effort will be made for the bells to be rung, if they are so desired. It should also be understood that if the bells are required for a wedding and for any reason they are not rung, then a full refund of the bellringing fee will be made.

To request the bells at your wedding please tell a wedding clerk or contact the Parish Office.

On behalf of all the Waltham Abbey Bellringers, I wish you a very happy and memorable day.

Peter Laws, Tower Captain



WEDDING FLOWERS

Included in your wedding fees are three pedestals of flowers to decorate the church, placed one either side of the altar and one in front of the pulpit on the left side of the nave. If you would like further decoration our volunteer Church Flower Arrangers are able to offer the following packages*:

P1:	12 bows for pew ends	£24.00
P2:	18 bows for pew ends Choice of colours available, please contact Margaret to discuss (see p.1).	£36.00
P3:	12 Flower pew ends	£144.00
P4:	18 Flower pew ends	£216.00
P5:	Pedestals - which can be arranged individually up to a maximum total of six. Cost per pedestal	£90.00

For costs please see leaflet available from the Parish Office or speak to Margaret.

Individual choices of colours can be arranged with Margaret Laws, however, please be aware that the flowers already included in your fees are of the colours and style chosen by the parishioners.

Margaret is happy to liaise with other wedding couples if you wish to share the cost of flowers and bows.

Please note bows and flowers on pew ends are to be removed at the end of the service if you are not sharing with other couples.

Outside florists

If an outside florist is invited by the bride or any member of the wedding party to decorate the Church in any way, the design must be approved in advance by Margaret Laws. Six weeks notice must be given to the church florist, and a fee of up to £50 is payable to the church for this concession, in addition to the other wedding fees.

*Prices may be subject to change.

READINGS

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

1 John 4.7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7

My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
For now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle dove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
They give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.'
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
As a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
Passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Ephesians 5. 21-end

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind - yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the Church, because we are members of his body. For this reason a

man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak with the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant; or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Mark 10.6-9,13-16

Jesus said, 'From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 2. 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



✓ **Quick checklist** ✓

- Contacted Director of Music
(For choir, choristers and/or soloist booking or for advice on hymns and music)
- Contacted church Florist
(For additional flowers or to arrange for your own florist to come into the church - leaflet available from the Parish Office).
- Requested Bells
- Chosen your - Hymns
 Entry music
 Music for Registers
 Exit music
 Biblical reading
 optional reading
- 2nd Wedding interview
(Please contact the Parish Office 3 months before your wedding day for an appointment)
- Printed order of service ordered (if required).
(order minimum 8 weeks prior to wedding if we are printing them for you).
- Paid wedding fees
(Due 6 weeks prior to your wedding)