Weddings



Love, Indiscriminate and Eternal

In our beautiful Sir Christopher Wren church, bride and groom stand in a place where the stones hold centuries of prayers, hopes and dreams.



St James's is a beautiful historic building, with the fabulous light and acoustics of a Sir Christopher Wren church. When they are married here, bride and groom stand in a place where the stones hold centuries of prayers, hopes and dreams.

We can offer a marriage service to people who live within our parish boundaries or have a 'qualifying connection' to the church, which may be historical (for example, your parents were married here) or built up by regular attendance at our services for at least 6 consecutive months before your wedding. Regular attendance means that you are expected to attend services at least twice a month for the qualifying six months. The qualifying rules can be complicated and we recommend that you contact us early on in your wedding planning to avoid any confusion. www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding is a good source of information as you plan your wedding.

Once a wedding date has been agreed with the parish office, a member of the clergy team will meet with you at least two or three times to help you prepare for your marriage as well as plan the wedding service itself. A wedding rehearsal will be held in the week of the service date.

To start your journey with us, contact David our Parish Administrator on 020 7292 4860 or administrator@sjp.org.uk



Music

St James's is renowned for the quality of its music. All genres of music can be arranged, ranging from solo classical instrumentalists and vocalists to ensembles, jazz and choirs.

We will be delighted to discuss things musical with you at any time and can offer advice on the choice of music to suit a range of tastes and budgets. Please contact Michael Haslam, Director of Music, at directorofmusic@sip.org.uk

Reception Venues

In the centre of London, we are surrounded by a wonderful range of reception venues including our good friends at BAFTA, The Cavendish hotel on Jermyn Street and The Dilly hotel on Piccadilly.



Florists

You are welcome to make your own arrangements regarding flowers. Although we do not have a resident florist, we are happy to recommend Bulbous who have a stall on Jermyn Street rented from the Church. Contact Simon Townsend on 07956 136906

Photography & Video

An official photographer is permitted to take photos during the service. Audio & video recording and live-streaming are also permitted by arrangement (and please note these will incur an increase in any musicians' fees under the Musicians' Union and Equity rules).

Printers

We recommend two printers once your Order of Service has been agreed with the clergy:

IPW1:

112 Great Portland Street, London W1W 6PH askjeff@ipw1.co.uk 020 7437 3200

Barnard & Westwood:

23 Pakenham Street, London WC1X OLB sales@barnardandwestwood.com 020 7923 5960

Marriage Service Fees

The fee for a marriage service is currently £737 (amended annually). This is made up of a number of elements including the officiant, verger, facility fee and the publication of marriage banns.

Music fees

Organist: £190

Musical Director/Conductor: £190

Singers: £95 (per singer)

Recording uplift (under Musicians' Union and Equity rules) audio only: 50% of the above video/livestream: 100% of the above

Music administration costs: £50

Use of our Fazioli piano will incur an additional fee of £150 (including tuning).

'Pour out the abundance of your blessing upon them in their new life together. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and a crown upon their heads.' – The Blessing of the Marriage

Deposit & Cancellation Policy

A deposit of £100 is payable in order for a marriage service to be booked in the church diary on a given date.

If cancelled over 3 months ahead of the date, we refund 100% of your deposit.

Within 1-3 months you'll receive 50% refund of the deposit. Less than 1 month: no refund.

Invoices (including any uplift of musicians' fees) should be paid in full 3 days before the service.

How to find us

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The church is less than 200 yards from Piccadilly Circus Station.

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