

Thinking about a church wedding? Getting married in church has just got easier.



Whether you're just contemplating marriage, or already planning your wedding day, your church wants to help and support you.

And, on 1st October 2008 a new law came into effect, meaning there are now [more churches to choose from](#) for your special day and for generations to come. The new Church of England Marriage Measure means that the Church of England's network of 16,000 churches - ancient or modern, intimate or grand, simple or spectacular - can offer a wider wedding welcome than at any time in the Church's history.

The law used to give a right for a couple to marry in the Church of England in the parish church where one or both of them live, whether they are baptised or not, and whether they are churchgoers are not. The new laws make it just as easy for couples to marry in a church where they have a family or other special connection, even if they don't live there.

The changes will mean an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish if just one of these applies:

- one of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- one of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- one of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- one of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- one of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

The Church wants to make your wedding personal and memorable for you. Churches are special places and there are some things about a church wedding that you just can't get anywhere else.

If you think St Andrew's is the right place for your wedding contact the Vicar on 01535 633307 or vicar@kildwick.org.uk for an initial conversation.