

**The Harlaxton Group of Parishes – Wedding Couples’ form (Things to think about)**

Proposed Date of Wedding..... Time ..... Church .....

**People**

Who is going to be the Bestman?

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Who is going to be Matron of honour?

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Who is going to be Bridesmaids/Pages

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Who is going to be the Person giving the bride away

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Who are going to be your Ushers? (Usually two)

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Who are going to be your witnesses for registers (You need two)

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**Music**

What shall we choose for Music as Bride arrives?

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What shall we choose for Music as we leave church?

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Hymn 1.....

Hymn 2.....

Hymn 3.....(optional but most couples have three) n.b.

Remember to choose popular hymns, maybe ones you know from school days.

Music during signing registers.....n.b. This is to keep your guests entertained for ten minutes whilst we sign the registers. We have CD playing facilities for this, so you can choose your favourite romantic music if you wish, or even Def Leppard,,, we don’t mind. Some couples take the opportunity to invite a talented friend to play a musical instrument. At one wedding we had a whole Marine Band !!! Think about it carefully, it is your special day.

**Arrangements**

Other tasks to think about:

Wedding Rings: One .... or Two? Most couples have one each but it is acceptable to only have one for the bride, but please, no hula hoops or curtain rings !!!

Bible Reading .....Read by.....*n.b. This is a religious ceremony so choosing a reading from the bible is a normal part of a church wedding service, you may have a favourite or perhaps mum or dad or gran will know one, if all else fails, ask the Vicar to suggest one.*

**Other readings/poetry**.....Read by..... *n.b. You may have someone who is feeling left out of the proceedings, why not ask them to read a poem or other reading?*

**Flowers in Church**, who is going to do them? ..... *(n.b. you do not need to spend a fortune on flowers, a couple of pedestals will suffice, the church is already a nice place to be married, and it will save you money!!!! We have a team of ladies who can do flowers at a more reasonable price.)*

**What about an order of service?** *Who will produce it, and what format should it take? We have a basic order you should follow.*

**Bells rung as you leave church:** *We have a dedicated team of ringers available, but this does cost a bit extra*

**Organist and vergers:** *Both are lovely people who come as part of your service for no extra charge !!!*

**Choir:** *we have a very nice talented church choir who are available for Saturday weddings, to enhance the singing and to give a nice feel to your service. They don't bite but they do charge a little for their time, please ask your Vicar for details.*

**Photographers:** *Sorry, but we do not allow flash photography during the service itself. There is opportunity before the service as guests arrive and afterward you are welcome to come back into church to take more. Only photos without flash are allowed during the service and only by one designated person. Photos are allowed during the signing of the registers. Photographers swinging from the Reredos or the Rood Screen to capture dramatic shots are definitely NOT allowed!!!*

**Video:** *If you're hiring a professional company then by law we have to charge a copyright/performance fee. If it's just a friend of the family then we don't mind so much as long as the camera is set up on a tripod and left in one place for the ceremony itself.*

**Confetti and rice:** *Sorry to be a killjoy but we are not keen on it. It makes a real mess, someone has to clear it up and the rice attracts rodents. We'd prefer it if you would discourage your guests from throwing it. If they insist on using it, then please can you ask them to wait until you are just outside the church porch. Likewise, we do not like the use of rose petals or similar during the ceremony. Some wedding couples supply their guests with bubbles to blow... we think this is a much better idea!!*

**Mobile phones:** *We think it best that they are switched off during the ceremony, there's nothing worse than "The Crazy Frog" going off during the vows!!!! The Vicar will remind your guests about this before the service begins.*

Having said all that, we hope and pray that your wedding day will be magical and we will be doing our very best to ensure that it will be a day to remember for all the right reasons.

Please bring this form along with you when you come for your first wedding interview with our Priest.

He will complete an "Application for Banns" form with you, which has all the details we need to fill in all the legalities in the Marriage Registers.

Please also note: A £50 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking. The balance of your fee should be paid in full one month before the date of your service. The Priest will discuss fees with you, which change from year to year and also take into account the cost of heating and lighting.