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Basford & Wolstanton 2024



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- **Get to know each other a little better**
- **Establish lines of communication**
- **Answer any urgent questions**
- **Think about some practicalities**
- **Be sure about legalities**
- **Note resources for readings and prayers**
- **Consider musical requirements**



You will be given...

**Words of the marriage service
and a link to some...**

- **suggested readings**
- **suggested prayers**
- **popular hymns and music**

Fees for 2024





Costs

The total cost of your wedding ceremony comprises two elements:

- (i) Statutory Fees***
- (ii) Local Fees***



Costs

- (i) ***Statutory Fees:-***
(Non-negotiable)

**Covers: Service / Banns /
Certificate / Parochial Church
Council Fee**



Costs

(ii) *Local:*
(Optional)

**Covers: Organist / Verger /
Shared Contribution Towards
Heating**



Total Cost =

**Statutory
Organist
+ booklets**

£800.00



Cost =

Statutory
Organist
Booklets

£75.00

+

£800.00



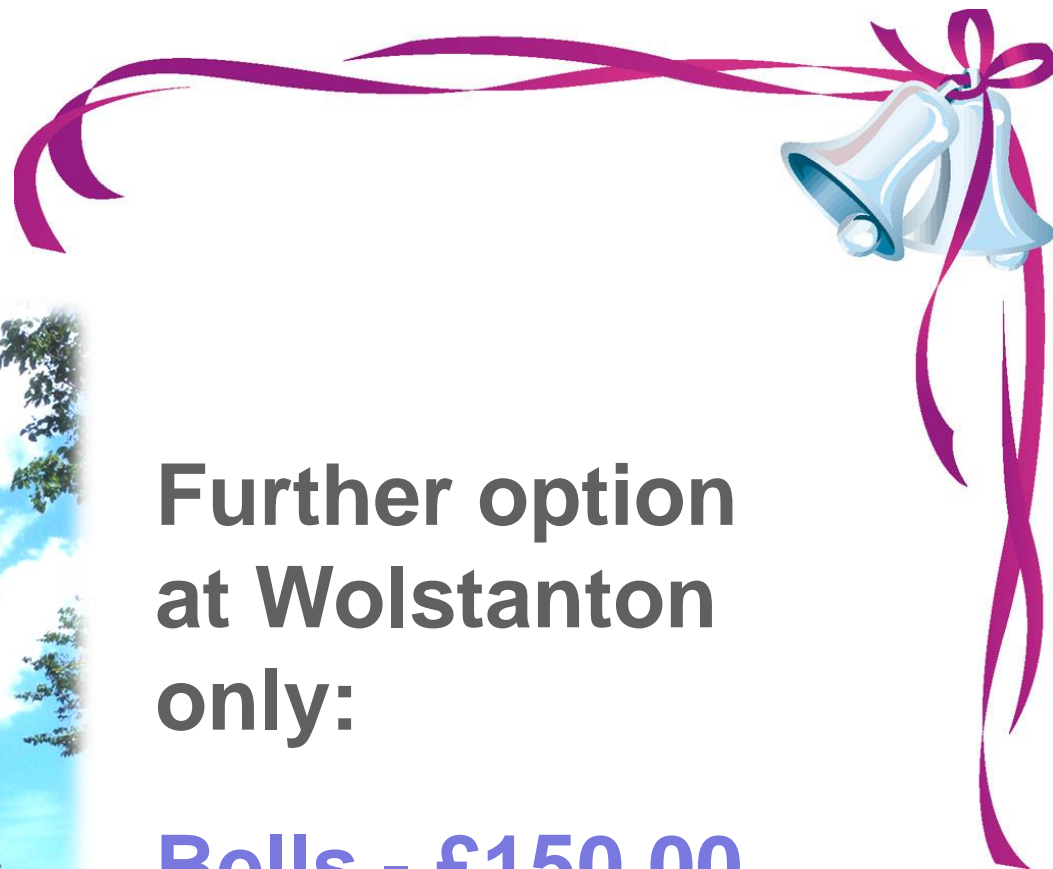
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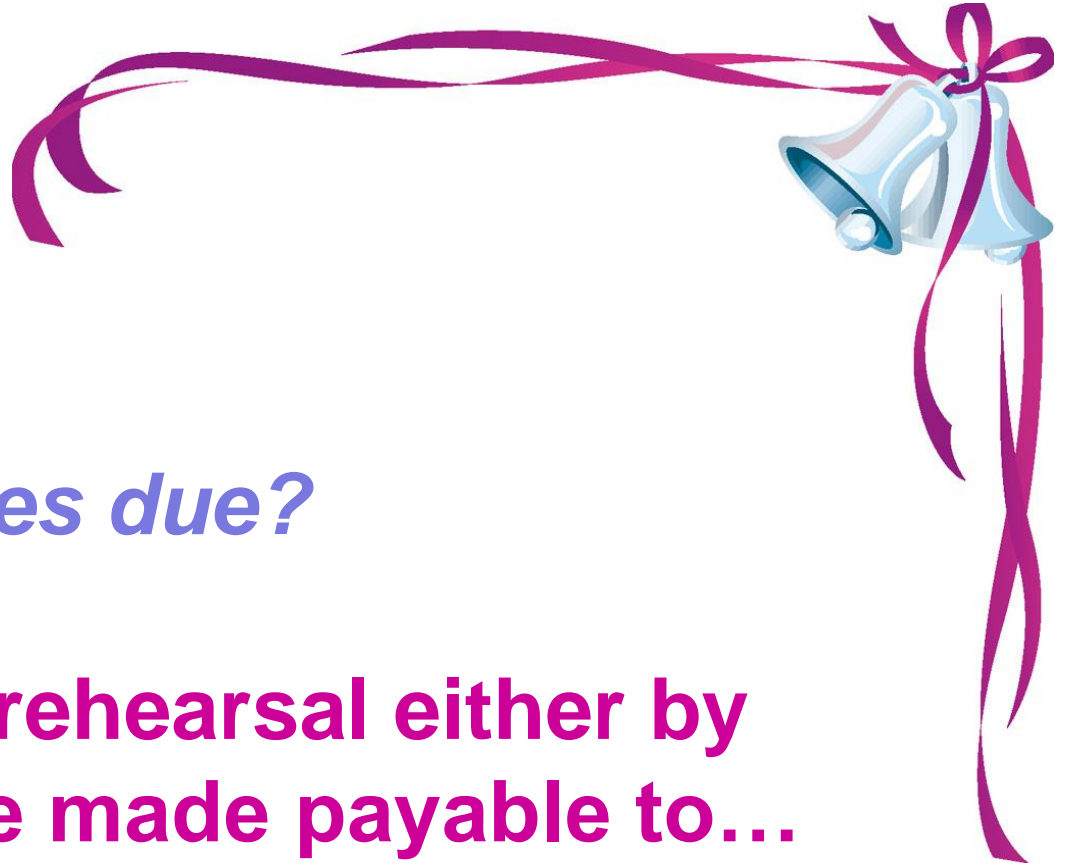
£800.00

£30.00



**Further option
at Wolstanton
only:**

Bells - £150.00



Payment

When are the fees due?

Normally at the rehearsal either by BACS or cheque made payable to...

“St. Mark’s PCC - Basford”

“St. Margaret’s Church”

Legal Matters





UK / EU Citizenship

Your UK or EU citizenship must be verified by production of a valid passport or birth certificate.



Previously Married?

**Your Decree Absolute must be seen
by the officiating minister!**



Banns of Marriage

What are they?

A declaration of your intention to marry read during public worship.



Banns of Marriage

When are they read?

**On three (normally consecutive)
Sundays before the wedding during
the main worship service.**



Banns of Marriage

Once read and no legal objections have been cited, they are valid for three months.



Banns of Marriage

Where are they read?

- a) The church where you will marry
- b) The groom's parish church
- c) The bride's parish church

One or more of these may be the same place!



Banns of Marriage

**We will automatically read your
Banns at either St. Mark's and / or
St. Margaret's.**



Banns of Marriage

If either of you are living in a parish other than that belonging to the church where you are marrying, **you must apply to have your Banns read at your own parish church!**

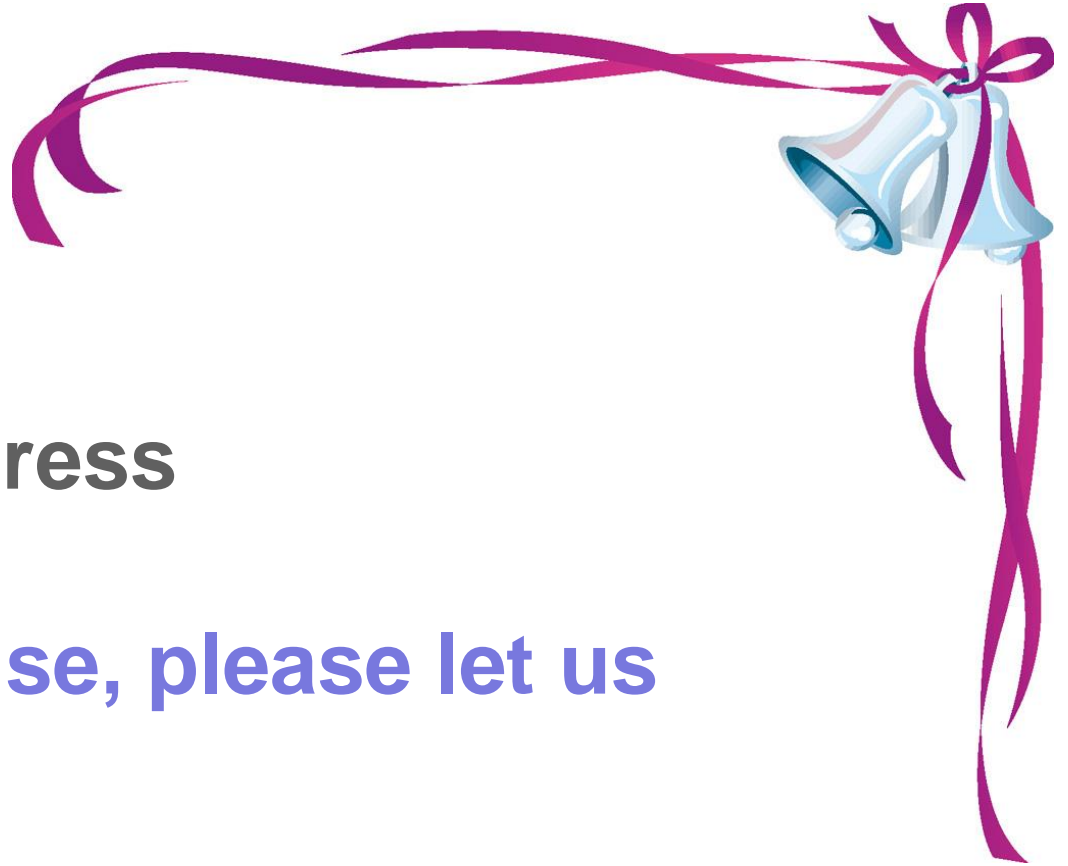
We require a Banns Certificate (costing £36.00) issued by its minister.



Banns of Marriage

We normally start publishing Banns on the first Sunday of the month which maximises their validity.

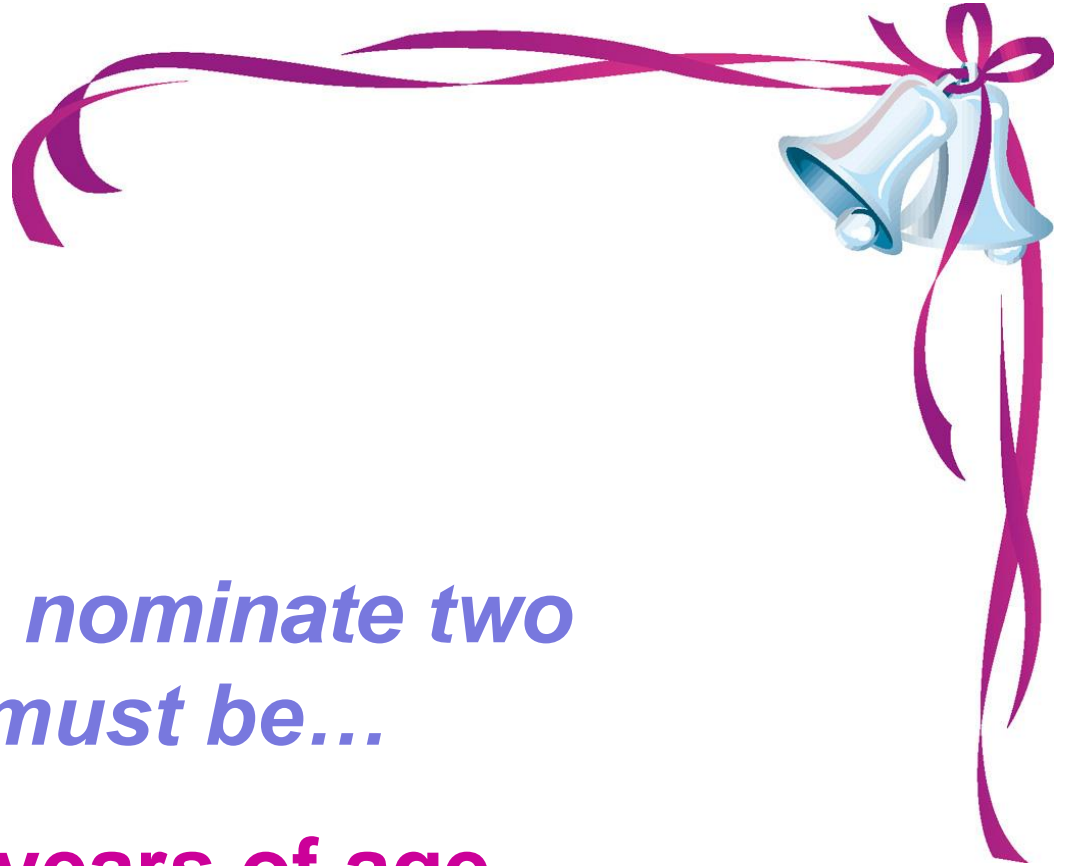
**For Example: Marriage in July
Banns start in May**



Changes of Address

If you move house, please let us
Know.

It will have legal implications!



Witnesses

You will need to nominate two witnesses who must be...

- a) At least 18 years of age
- b) UK Citizens
- c) Present the entire service

Practical Matters





Rehearsal

A rehearsal is always a good idea!

We can arrange rehearsals to suit your circumstances.



Rehearsal

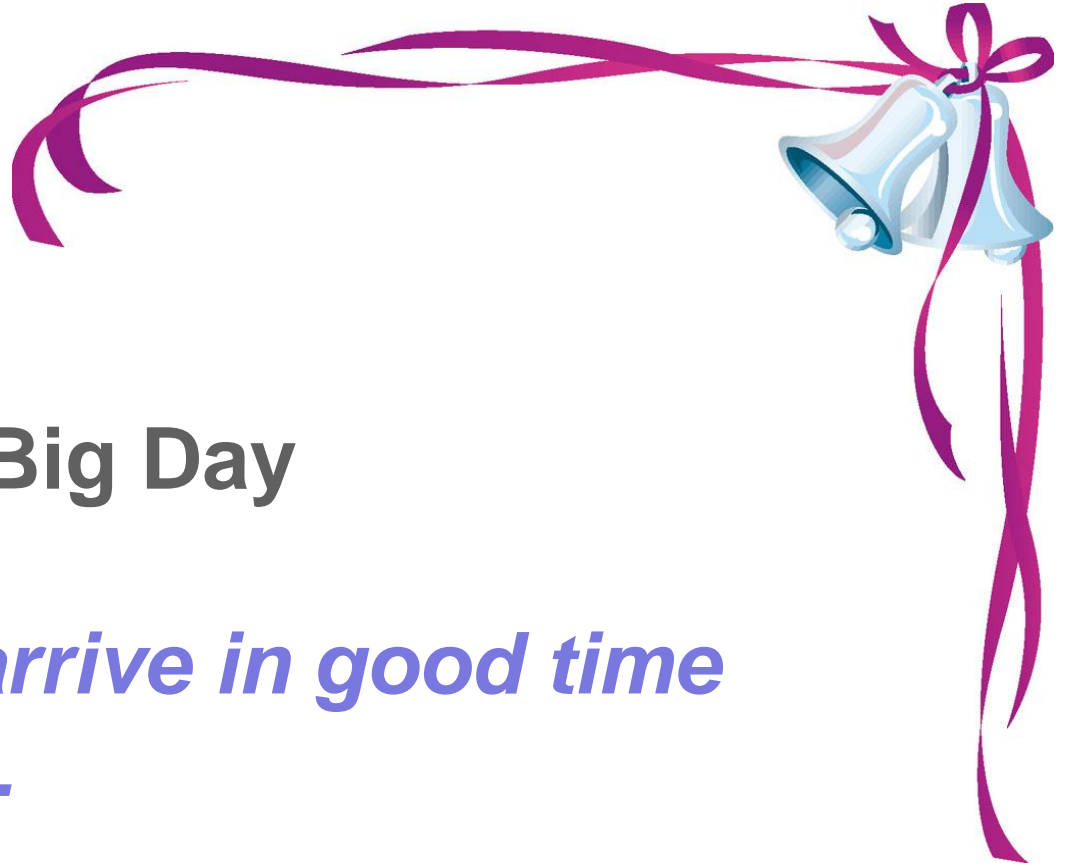
Who should attend?

Chief Bridesmaid

The 'Giver Away'

Best Man

Bridesmaids and Pageboys



Timings on the Big Day

*People should arrive in good time
for the service...*

*Ushers – 30 mins before
Groom & Best Man – 20 mins before*



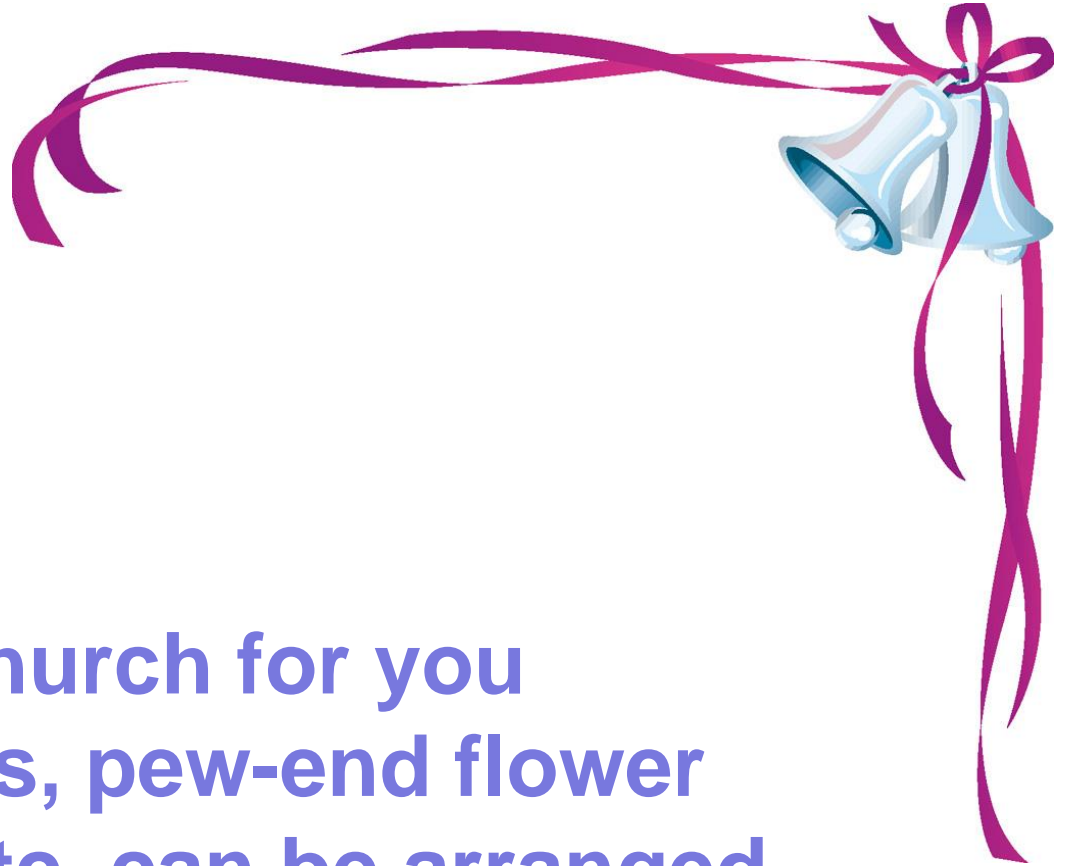
Timings

**Allow 50 minutes for the service
and a further 30 minutes for the
photographer!**



Flowers

We can't guarantee fresh flowers in church as they are provided on a voluntary basis Sunday by Sunday.



Flowers

Access to the church for you to install ribbons, pew-end flower arrangements etc. can be arranged during the rehearsal.

(Basford has 16 rows)

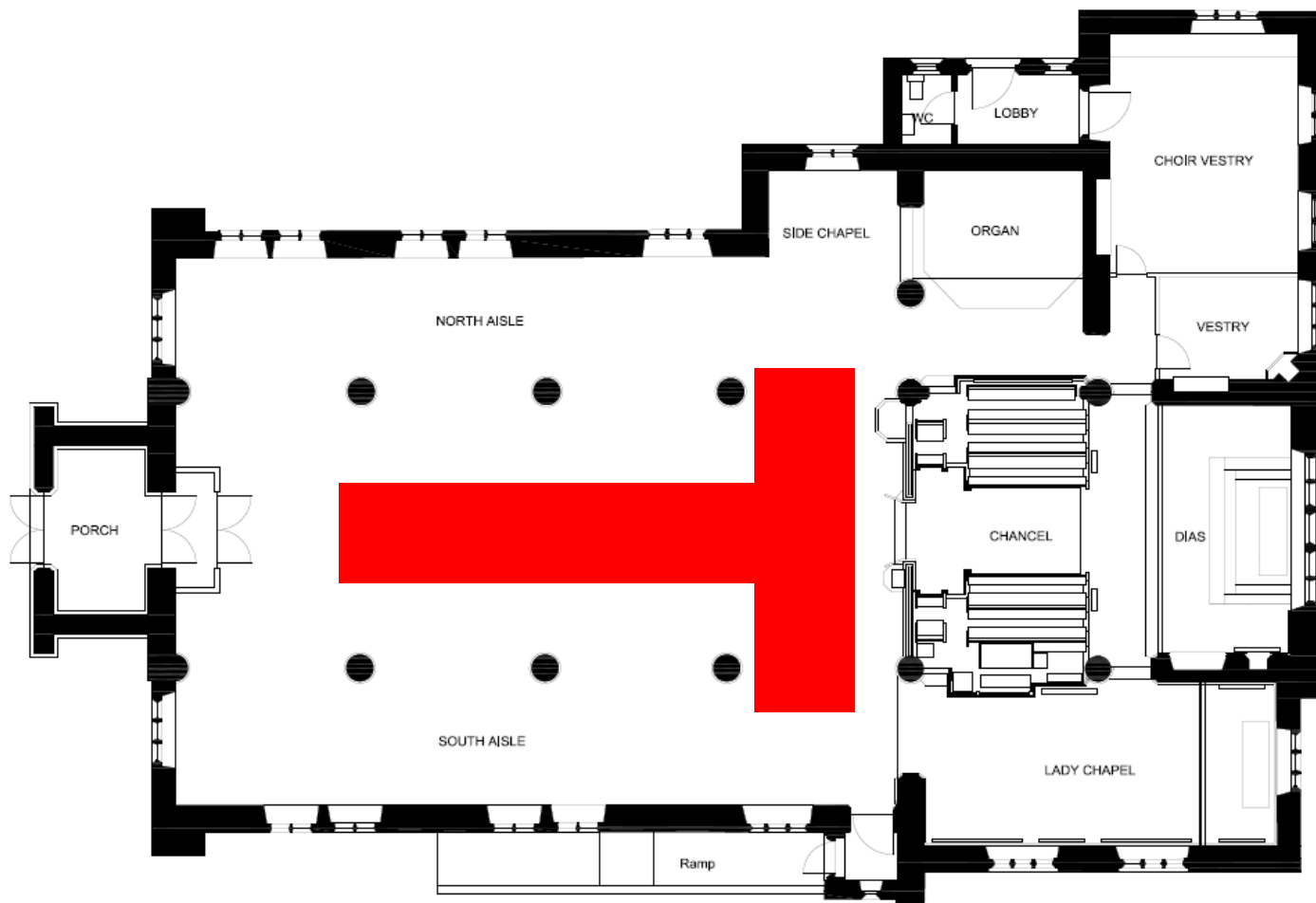
(Wolstanton has 9 rows before the aisle)



Photography

We have (at St. Mark's) a policy for you to hand to your photographer.

At Wolstanton we'll issue instructions to the photographer on the day.





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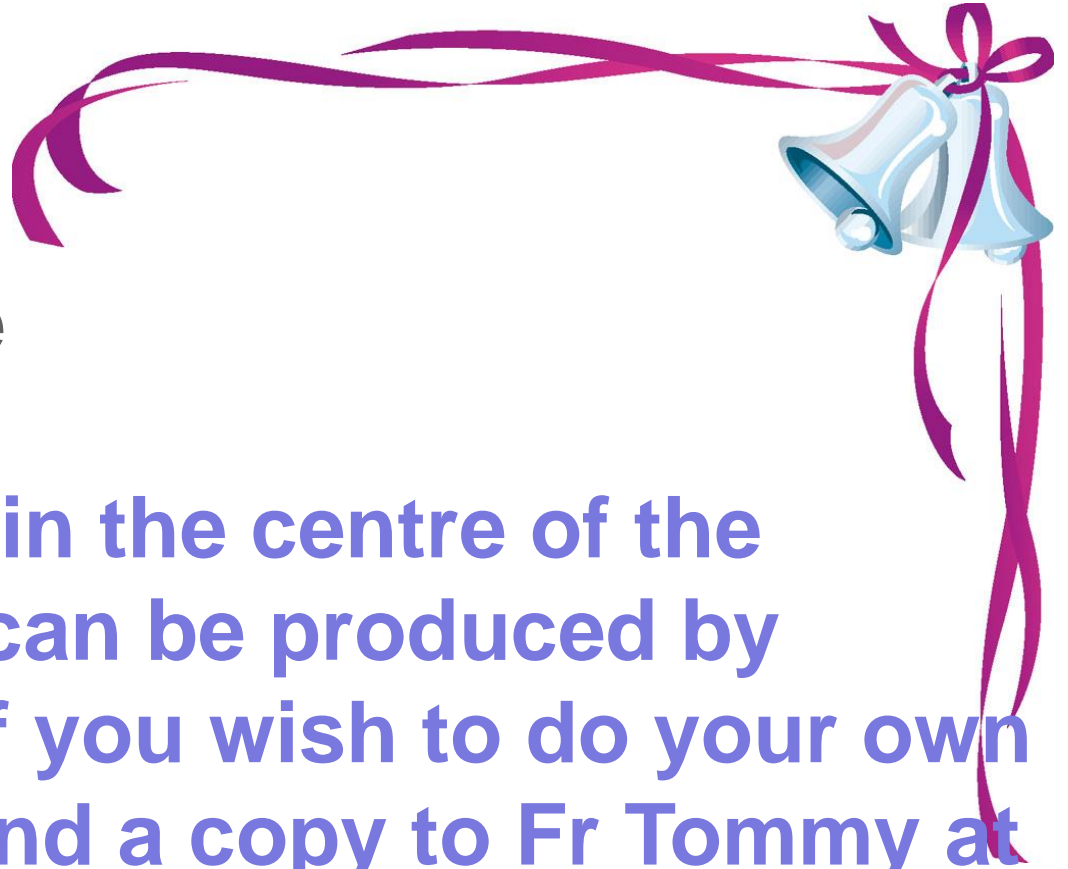
Handout

The Service (word-for-word).



Music

It is possible to play music from CDs or USBs during the service, but we need to check them at the rehearsal.



Orders of Service

An example is in the centre of the booklet these can be produced by us. However, if you wish to do your own then please send a copy to Fr Tommy at least a month before the wedding so it can be thoroughly checked before final print.

Clergy Contacts

Fr Tommy Merry: 01782 624450

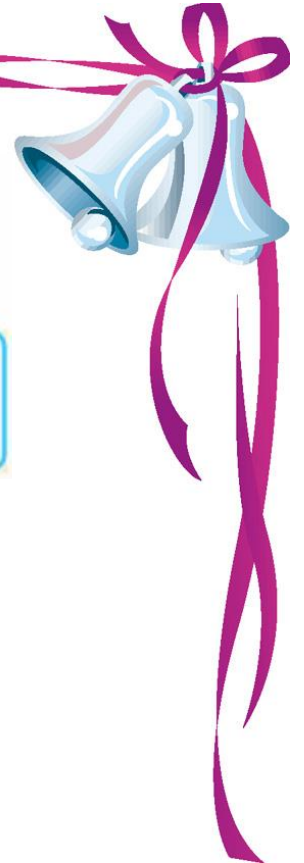


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