

Marriage at Huyton Parish Church

SIX THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Before Booking your Wedding

The minister of the church is under a legal duty to be sure that you can lawfully marry in the Parish Church. You will be asked if either or both of you are:

- resident in the Parish or
- on the church's Electoral Roll

Residency simply means that one or both of you have a permanent home within the parish boundary.

Electoral Role Membership This means that one or both of you are members of Huyton Parish Church and regularly attend acts of worship.

NOTE: If either of you have been married previously and that marriage has been dissolved or one or both of you are not UK nationals please inform the minister before proceeding with any further enquiry.

If you do not live within the Parish boundary and neither of you is on the Electoral Role, then you may still be able to legally marry in Huyton Parish Church if you have a **Qualifying Connection** with the parish. For example: One or both of you may have been baptised and/or confirmed in Huyton Parish Church or there may be some family connection with the church.

2. Banns of Marriage The reading of banns is a legal requirement. They will be read out in church on three Sundays in the three months before the wedding. Most people want to hear their banns being read. You will be informed in good time.

3. Wedding Fees Fees are set by the Church of England.

There are two sets of fees:

Statutory Fees These are the basic fees which include the use of the church, organ and clergy fees. It also covers the cost of the Banns and the Certificate of marriage. In 2010 the basic fees are £400.50

Optional Fees These cover such items as Bells, Video License and Power Point Presentation.

4. Wedding Preparation The minister will meet with you some time before your wedding. This usually takes place in church. You will be informed in good time.

5. The Marriage Service This service, if you choose can be projected on the screen. You will need to choose two hymns for your service and if you require special music before and after the service you will need to discuss this at an early stage with the minister.

6. Application Form This will be completed when you attend the Parish Office. You will each have to give details as follows:

- Full name and address
- Age at time of the proposed marriage
- Nationality
- Occupation
- Father's full name and occupation
- Date and time of the wedding

At some stage you will be asked for the names of your two witnesses.