

The Vows you are about to take . .

I, N, take you, N,
to be my husband/wife
to have and to hold
from this day forward;
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till death us do part;
according to God's holy law.
In the presence of God I make this vow.

Some parts of the service are set like the vows and some of the prayers. Other parts of the service are open for you to use your own or other people's words in.

The readings - there is a large selection of readings you can choose from both from the bible and other books, poems, words from songs or your own words. Perhaps a friend or relative may like to read them for you.

Prayers for you and your life together can be said by other people and you may like to write your own words. Music can be played on the organ or you may like to use a CD or if you know any musicians, why not ask them to play. We also have a choir @ St John's who are available for weddings.

All of this can be arranged by talking to the Vicar, Rev Chris Rowberry - if you are short of ideas and have access to the internet you might like to try www.hitched.co.uk

SERVICES @ ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday services

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:45 am Eucharist (Crèche and Godly Play 2nd
and 4th Sunday)
9:45@945 1st Sunday (Messy Church)
9:45 am Family Communion (3rd Sunday)

12 noon and 2:00pm Baptism (2nd Sunday)

6:30 pm Informal communion (1st Sunday)

Wednesday

10:0 am Holy Communion, coffee and cake

Children & Youth

Wednesday - Underhill Centre
1:30 - 2:30 pm Sunbeams (0-4 years)

1st Saturday of month - Underhill Centre
10:00 am - 12:30 Discoverers (5 - 11 years)

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Weddings @

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Booking a wedding is not complicated, it can usually be done by phone or email with a brief discussion about dates and times and a booking is made. Weddings at St John's are booked in one and a half hour slots so that one bride is not arriving as the last one is leaving!

We have a great demand for weddings, and sometimes we cannot accept all the bookings that people would like to make.

To have a wedding @ St John's you must live in the Hedge End area or have some other qualifying contact with the area.

The team here at St John's has an open policy on the remarriage of divorced persons. In such cases a person must have a decree absolute and then contact the vicar. You will need to attend a panel meeting to talk about the circumstances of your divorce. Panels are an opportunity for you to come and be heard, to allow you time to be open about what has happened and for the vicar to make a prayerful

decision with you, about how best to proceed.

After the discussion a decision is made based on individual circumstances. Sometimes a service of dedication (a blessing) may be offered instead of a wedding service, or it may be appropriate for a wedding to wait until more time has passed. We would hope that reasons for any decision would be made clear to you, and whilst you may not agree with the final outcome, that you would feel that you had been heard and that your particular circumstances had been considered.

A very important part of weddings here @ St John's are preparation classes. These take place with other couples who are also getting married and are to help you prepare for the wedding itself and life afterwards. They are great fun and all based loosely around popular music. In the past they have involved various activities and chances to talk to each other and the vicar about the service, relationships, children, parents and what marriage is like through the different ages of life. This year couples who have been married for a

varying number of years have been invited to come along and tell it as it really is!

You may like to know that Banns for forthcoming weddings are called at the main service (times over the page) on the first three Sunday's of the month before the wedding. If one of you lives in another parish you need to obtain a certificate of banns from the Vicar or Rector of that parish.

The congregation here @ St John's pray for couples who are to be married. In order that the congregation may recognise the couples they are praying for it is helpful if you can let me have a photo of you both.

If you have any questions, or would like to book a wedding please phone Chris Rowberry on 01489 789578 or e-mail revchrisrow@me.com