



**The Parish Church of
Saint George the Martyr
Waterlooville**



REGISTERED CHARITY: 1134613

MARRIAGE BANNS

Calling Banns of Marriage is a legal requirement. It provides an opportunity for the proposed marriage to be publicly announced and thereby gives an opportunity for anyone concerned to protest. Marriage in the Church of England cannot normally take place if Banns have not been called.

The law states that:

- At least one of the applicants **MUST** live in the parish of Waterlooville (the address of a parental home is acceptable)
- The proposed marriage **MUST** take place in a Church of England church
- The Banns **MUST** be called within three months of the proposed marriage

Banns cannot be called if:

- None of the above conditions apply
- Or the marriage is taking place in the next three weeks

Special arrangements apply to:

- Members of the armed forces
- Students at university or on a "gap" year abroad
- Applicants living at the same address outside the parish of Waterlooville

Banns can be called for such applicants as long as at least one parental address is in the parish of Waterlooville.

Arranging Banns of Marriage

Please complete a Marriage application form. The sections needed are:

Full names of both applicants

Age at the proposed marriage dates

Addresses including postcodes

Length of time living at the addresses

Name of applicant's parish church - one **MUST** be St. George's Church

Name of church where marriage is taking place

Date of proposed marriage

Please make sure you include the applicant's phone number and email address.

Completed Forms

Completed application forms can be posted to the church or emailed (parish.office@stgeorges.church).

Fees

There is a statutory fee for calling Banns of Marriage, which must be paid before the banns are called. The current fee is £48 - cheques can be made payable to "St George's PCC" or can be paid by bank transfer to PCC St George's Waterlooville.

Bank Account No.: 21425714 Sort Code: 40-45-26

Dates & Collecting Certificates

You can agree dates for the Banns to be called and write these on the bottom of the application form. Usually, Banns begin on the first Sunday of a month and are called at the 10.00am Eucharist service. They are called for three Sundays during the 3-month period before the wedding, these are usually consecutive. The applicants do not have to attend the service but need to make arrangements for the certificate to be collected.