

Llangollen Group of Churches

We are delighted that you have chosen to get married in one of our churches. There are various legal matters to attend to, but most importantly we are here to make sure your wedding is a memorable and joyous occasion.



This booklet contains all the information you need to make sure your wedding goes as smoothly as possible, from the legal formalities to suggestions on music and how to record your wedding. We hope it answers any questions you may have.

You are also warmly invited to attend any of our church services to see for yourself how things are done and to meet our church family. Any information about church services can be found on this website: www.stcollenschurch.org.uk

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

1 John 4:16



Please remember that even if you cannot get married in this Church, we may be able to offer a service of blessing, thanksgiving or suitable prayers as you begin your new life together.

Contact details

If you have any questions or queries about booking a wedding or about a wedding that has already been booked, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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The Legal Stuff

In order to be married in one of our churches, you must first have a link to the Valle Crucis Mission Area (details about this are on page 8).

First and foremost one of you should live in this area or be on the Church Electoral Roll. If neither of you live in the Mission Area there are three other options:

- You attend church regularly then after 6 months join the Church Electoral Roll and then book your wedding;
- You may be able to obtain (a) an Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Licence if you have a strong link with the church and are supported by the Vicar, or (b) a Superintendent Registrar Certificate;
- You have an historical connection with the church i.e. a relative was baptised or married here. (We will ask to see proof of this).

It is vital that the information about names, ages, occupations etc. that will be entered into the Marriage Document is correct as this is a legal document. If there are any mistakes that need to be corrected, don't hesitate to tell us, right up to the wedding day. If there are any changes in your circumstances that will affect what goes into the Marriage Document please notify us immediately. If you have any doubts at all over any details please ask someone for advice.

If either or both of you have been married before, and have a former spouse still living, it is still possible for you to be married in one of our churches. Please refer to the relevant part of the application form provided.

If you wish to change the date or time of the wedding, appropriate time needs to be given as Banns must be called out over a period of three weeks (see 'Calling the Banns').

You are also required to attend St Collen's church office together so your details can be confirmed and your wedding can be discussed.

There are other legal issues if one of you is a foreign national or if you are under 18.

Calling the Banns

Apart from those getting married by Archbishop's License, marriage is after the calling of Banns – in other words, the public announcement of your intention to marry.

If you both live in the Mission Area then the Banns will be called on Sundays, after the main Sunday morning service, for three consecutive weeks.

If only one of you lives in the Mission Area then the banns will be called here as normal, but you must arrange for them to be called in the other Parish as well. They may only be called at least six weeks before your wedding.

If you both live outside the Mission Area but are on the Electoral Roll then the Banns must be called in the places of residence as well as here.

If, as a non-resident, you move out of your parish after booking your wedding, you must notify us and arrange for the Banns to be read at the new church.

Banns are not required to be called if you are getting married under a Special Licence.

As soon as the banns have been called in the other parish(es) you must collect the Banns Certificate and hand it into St Collen's church office at least 10 days before the date of the wedding.

IF THE BANNS CERTIFICATE IS NOT RETURNED BY THE DATE OF THE WEDDING, THE WEDDING CANNOT TAKE PLACE.

Music & Order of Service

It is important that you meet with the Vicar before sending your order of service off to the printer. The Vicar will make arrangements to meet with you to discuss your requirements.

Nuptial Mass

If both of you are communicants, you should consider very seriously the idea of receiving Holy Communion at your wedding. It is a wonderful way of receiving

God's grace at the beginning of your married life together. It can be arranged so that either just the bride and groom receive Communion, or, as is more usual, anyone in the congregation.

Below are just some suggestions of the type of music you can choose:

Hymns

Morning has broken; All things bright and beautiful; Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven; Now Thank We All Our God; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.

Entrance music

Bridal Chorus from 'Lohengrin'; Trumpet Prelude from 'Te Deum'; Canon in D; Air (Water Music) and Largo (Serse).

Exit music

Wedding March; Prince of Denmark's March (The Trumpet Voluntary); Hornpipe from the Water Music.

If you have a specific piece of music you would like to be played please note that you will be responsible for obtaining the music.

Bible readings

A Church wedding must have at least one reading from the Bible and you can also include other readings or poems. Read some of these Bible passages together and see if what they say seems important to you. There are many different versions of the Bible, some using modern language and some with a more traditional style – talk to your vicar about different versions if you'd like to learn more.

- Love, actually! The number 1 most popular reading for weddings is (1 Corinthians Chapter 13)
- God creates women and men to look after the earth (Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 26-28)
- A love poem between two lovers (Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, verses 10-13; Chapter 8, verses 6&7)

- Jesus teaches how to live a life that brings true happiness (Matthew, Chapter 5, verses 1-10)
- Jesus teaches about marriage, and welcomes children (Mark, Chapter 10, verses 6-9 and 13-16)
- What happens when Jesus attends a wedding reception (John, Chapter 2, verses 1 - 11)
- Committing to each other (Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 21-33)
- Seeing the good side... (Philippians Chapter 4, verses 4 - 9)
- Getting the perfect relationship (Colossians Chapter 3, verses 12 - 17)

Recording your wedding

Making a video of your wedding is a great way to record the occasion but you will need to ensure that you are covered by a licence to deal with any copyright material. For more details visit www.videolicence.co.uk or call 01323 4356111.

Photographs

We are happy to have photographs taken in church by a professional or amateur 'official' photographer, providing they are done in an unobtrusive way, and without the photographer moving around. Except for photographs as you walk out, flash is not allowed. This can be very distracting for everyone – especially you!

I can highly recommend a local photographer at **46 Studio**, Llangollen; Tel: 07472 285715

Extras

Organist

The organist's fee is £60.

Bells

If you wish to have bells rung as you leave, that is your choice. You will need to bear in mind that there is an extra fee for bell-ringers at St Collen's which is £120.

Time Keeping

Please ensure that you and your guests arrive on time. All our churches are busy with weddings throughout the year and can have more than one wedding in a day. If the service does start late, then you risk losing your deposit, so please plan ahead to ensure this does not happen.

Fees

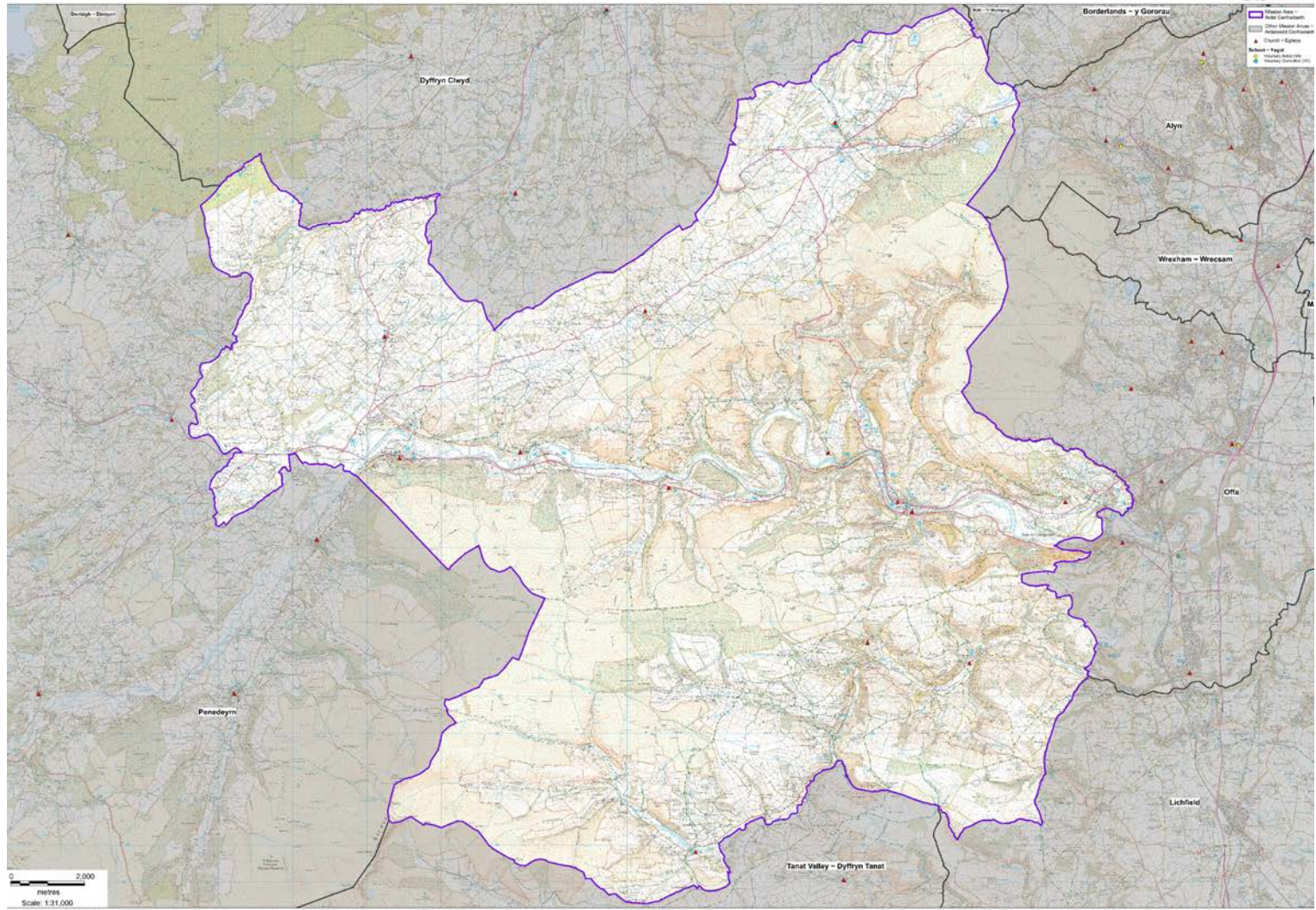
Please note that fees are subject to annual revision on 1st January each year by the Church in Wales and may have changed slightly by the date of your marriage. You will be notified of any changes as soon as they become available. Fees apply to the date of the marriage and not the date when the wedding was booked.

Mission Area of Valle Crucis..

..is a family group of churches across a wide geographic area (like a catchment area).

Churches in this Mission Area:

Valle Crucis Mission Area ~ Ardal Cenhadaeth Valle Crucis



- Ss Mael and Sulien, Corwen
- St Collen, Llangollen
- St Ffraid, Glyn Ceiriog
- St Garmon, Llanarmon Dyffryn Ceiriog
- St John, Pontfadog
- St Tecla, Llandegla
- St Thomas, Glyndyfrdwy
- St Tysilio, Bryneglwys
- St Tysilio, Llantysilio
- Trevor Parish Church, Trevor

Finally....

If all this seems terribly complicated – be assured that it isn't, and that our biggest hope is to make your day as special as it can possible be. Don't hesitate to get in touch if there are any concerns about any aspect of the wedding. God bless you both as you make all your preparations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr Lee". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Lee".

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