

There are some things about a church wedding that you just can't get anywhere else.

This is certainly true at St. Mary's Hadlow. This beautiful Church has been the centre of worship for over the past 1000 years and is the perfect setting to make the most important promises of your life.

St. Mary's is large enough to seat 250 guests comfortably but small enough to have an intimate feel that is just right for the occasion.

You're welcome to marry in the Church of England whatever your beliefs

Whether or not you are christened and regardless of whether you go to church, it's your church and we welcome you.

'Along with planning and rehearsals the whole experience was fun and made special by our individual treatment'.

Thanks to a new law couples have a greater choice about where to be married

If you can show just *one* of the seven connections with the parish in the panel to the right then you can be married at St. Mary's.

You can be married at St. Mary's if either of you:

- Has at any time lived in the parish for a period of six months or more
- Was baptised here
- Was prepared for confirmation here
- Has at any time regularly attended normal church services here for at least six months

You can also be married at St. Mary's if, after you were born, *one* of your parents:

- Lived in the parish for a period of six months or more
- Regularly attended normal church services here for at least six months.

You can also be married at St. Mary's if *one* of your parents or grandparents:

- Was married in the parish

'Both of us were keen to get married in church, even though we do not regularly attend, because we felt that a church service held more significance for us and meant more'.



'It wasn't just the day but our build up including meeting with Gwen, our vicar, to understand and reflect on the meaning and symbolisation of the day'.

'We never realised, as we had both been married before, that we would be lucky enough to marry in church again. How wonderful that we were able to marry in our local church, St. Mary's, Hadlow and have all our friends and family there for our special day'.

Wherever you choose to marry there's no reason why you can't also enjoy a celebration in church

A church ceremony is available to anyone who wants to dedicate their civil marriage to God afterwards. Couples do not have to show any particular connection with the parish to have their Dedication or Blessing service at St. Mary's.

The words of the service acknowledge the commitment you have already made and ask for God's blessing and guidance in your new life together.

Another option is to seek re-marriage in the church

Some couples may wish to speak to the vicar about the possibility of re-marriage at St. Mary's. We want to support you and help you to explore every possibility in order to make this a wonderful day and the start of a great marriage.



The Cost of a wedding at St. Mary's

Couples can marry in church from as little as £321.50* The basic fees are set by the Church of England nationally but figures may vary slightly from couple to couple depending on your circumstances. For example there are additional fees payable should you want St. Mary's to provide an organist or a choir to sing at the wedding. All the information about fees can be obtained from the Vicar or the Parish Office. *figures correct at January 2011

'Our Wedding Day in September 2010 really was the happiest day of our lives thanks to the wonderful service, choir, bells, setting and, of course Gwen Smith, the Minister who married us'.

What next?

If you are interested in having your ceremony at St. Mary's Church, Hadlow, we'd love to hear from you.

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Useful websites

www.yourchurchwedding.org

www.stmaryshadlow.org

Whatever you decide we wish you
every blessing for your married
life
together!

Getting Married



Your Ceremony at
St. Mary's Church, Hadlow