

# St John's College, Cambridge, CB2 1TP

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## Application for permission to marry in the College Chapel

Please note that this form is used by the officiant in his completion of the Marriage registers (in the event of a marriage by Archbishop's licence). Please use every care when filling it in. All information should be as on the day of the wedding. (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Full name of bridegroom	
Age (on day of marriage)	Single/Divorced/Widower
Nationality of the bridegroom:	
Occupation	
College status, if applicable (e.g. Matric. and date, B.A./M.A. and date, and if not in residence when residence finished)	
Tutor at St John's (if Applicable):	
Full address of bridegroom before marriage	Full name and occupation of bridegroom's father <i>Please include occupation as was <b>even if retired or deceased</b></i>

Full name of bride	
Age (on day of marriage)	Single/Divorced/Widow
Nationality of the bride:	
Occupation	
College status, if applicable (e.g. Matric. and date, B.A./M.A. and date, and if not in residence when residence finished)	
Tutor at St John's (if Applicable):	
Full address of bride before marriage	Full name and occupation of bride's father <i>Please include occupation as was <b>even if retired or deceased</b></i>

Has each been baptised?	Bridegroom	Bride
Proposed date and time of wedding		
Either a) with Archbishop's licence or b) after civil ceremony <i>(Delete whichever does not apply)</i>		
Proposed Minister	Has their agreement been obtained ?	
Future address of bride and bridegroom	Contact telephone number and e-mail of bride or bridegroom	

## Additional requirements

Is use of organ requested ?	Yes	No	(see note 4)
Is a choir to be used?	Yes	No	Please give details (see note 5)
Will you using any additional instruments?	Yes	No	Please give details
Will you be having flowers in Chapel?	Yes	No	Please give details of florist (See note 10)
Will you be requiring an audio CD of the service?	Yes	No	(See note 8)
Will you be videoing the service?	Yes	No	(See note 9)
How many Wedding Certificates in total would you like (this can be revised)?	(See note 2)		

Please complete Page 1 & 2 and return this to the Chapel Clerk

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We appreciate that you may not have finalised all your arrangements and that Page 2 may change as your plans begin to take shape. Please notify us of any alterations you may make.

The Acting Dean, The Rev'd Carol Barrett Ford  
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## St John's College, Cambridge Marriage in the College Chapel

Couples are asked to contact the Clergy first to agree a date for their wedding or Blessing in Chapel. The following notes on the procedures for a service in the College Chapel helpful in planning their ceremony.

The following fees will be charged for a Wedding or Blessing Service in Chapel

Fee for Resident Members of College (Fellows, Students) and Staff	n/a
Fee for Non-resident Members of the College, and the children of Fellows	£200
Facilities fee for video recordings at marriages and blessings	£100

### 1. **Special Licence Application**

All marriages must take place using a Special Licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. You are not required to have Banns of Marriage published in your local Parish Church. All couples will be required to complete the relevant application form for the Special Licence. Please contact the Chapel Clerk to obtain a form.

#### Notes on completing the Special Licence application

- Please complete Part 1 yourself, then forward the form to the Clergy, who will complete Part 2.
- The completed form, with a cheque for the appropriate fee, should be sent to the address shown on the form.
- You will then receive an Affidavit form which either the bride or groom needs to complete in the presence of the nominated Anglican Minister (usually the Dean or Chaplain) or at the Faculty Office in London.
- Please remember to return completed forms to the Archbishop's Office using the Recorded Delivery service and include an SAE with the Affidavit.

### 2. **Wedding Registers**

As St John's College is not a Parish Church and we do not hold Marriage Registers, the Chapel Clerk will arrange for the use of a set of Registers from a local parish church in Cambridge (usually St Clement's) in order that the College can provide you with a copy of the wedding certificate. Please contact the Chapel Clerk on 01223 338676 who will make the necessary arrangements. A fee of £10.00 is payable for the use of wedding registers, additional copies can be provided at the time of the ceremony at a cost of £5.00 each (these must be requested at the time of application). Please make a cheque payable to 'St Clements PCC'.

If you are having a wedding blessing (see note 3) then you should not apply for wedding certificates.

### 3. **Wedding Blessing**

If you are having a Blessing in Chapel then the above information regarding the Licence and Registers will not apply in your case. However the following information may be of use in planning your Day.

### 4. **Organist**

It is customary for a College Organ Student to be asked to play for your wedding, if you are wishing for the Organ to be used, please indicate this on the form. The Choir Administrator, Miss Caroline Marks, will contact you about three months prior to your wedding, and she will put you in touch with the prospective Organist. The Organist would be very happy to meet with you and discuss any ideas or special requests you may have.

The Organist's fees, payable direct to the Organist, are as follows:

Playing the Organ only	£130 + expenses
	£195 + expenses (when an audio recording is made)
	£260 + expenses (when a video recording is made)

There may be an extra charge of £50 if particular items of music are requested which require additional rehearsal time

Playing the Organ and conducting a Choir	£200 + expenses
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Very occasionally the Director of Music will give permission for guest organists to play. As a minimum, they will be required to hold FRCO or ARCO qualifications and must be known to the Director of Music, or provide references from another College or Cathedral Director of Music. To save embarrassment, such permission should be obtained before confirming arrangements with an external Organist.

## 5. Choir

Owing to diary pressures, the College Choir is only available to sing for the weddings of current Fellows of the College. However the Gentlemen of St John's (the men of the Choir) may be available to sing, adding female sopranos to the choir if necessary. For further information on availability and fees, please contact the Manager of the Gentlemen of St John's by e-mail at [manager@gentlemenofstjohns.co.uk](mailto:manager@gentlemenofstjohns.co.uk)

## 6. Orders of Service

It is customary to have Orders of Service produced for your guests, this would usually include the words to the hymns, the titles of the music at the entrance and exit of the Bride & Groom, and also the Words in which the congregation are to join in with.

These Orders of Service must be viewed by the Clergy who are taking your Wedding prior to Print.

When ordering number of copies it is worth adding an additional 20 for the Sanctuary area and any that are needed for the choir.

## 7. Photography

All professional photographers are asked to contact the Chapel Clerk prior to the date of the wedding to discuss the rules regarding photography in the College Chapel. No flash photography is permitted inside the Chapel.

## 8. Audio Recordings

The College has recently installed professional recording equipment in the Chapel. A recording of your wedding ceremony can be made using this equipment for £200.00 + VAT. Please note that the Organist and other musicians may charge an additional fee if their performance is recorded. The recording must be booked at the time of application.

## 9. Video Recordings

Requests to make a video recording of the ceremony must be made to the Dean of Chapel at the time of booking. A Facilities Fee of £100.00 will be incurred. Please note that the Organist and other musicians may charge an additional fee if their performance is recorded [this is inline with Musicians' Union rules, which state video recording charges can increase by as much as 100% on the standard fee]. The videographer may be a professional or a friend of the family and are required by the College to have third party liability insurance to the value of £5,000,000.00 (Five Million Pounds) if at any point the videographer plugs into any of the College's electric sockets. You are responsible for ensuring that they have a Copyright Licence for this, which can be obtained by contacting the PRS on 0800 068 4828.

## 10. Flowers

When considering the provision of flower arrangements flowers in the Chapel, please bear in mind the following:

- A maximum of two displays either side of the Altar and two displays at the Choir Screen are permitted
- Pew end flowers and other displays are not permitted in the Chapel
- You will need to provide your own flower stands
- Flower displays should be removed as soon as possible after the ceremony
- The Chapel Clerk should be consulted regarding access times to set up and dismantle the displays

Should you require the services of a florist and do not as yet have anyone in mind, The Flower House (01223 364500) or The Perfume Zone (01767 650 979) have both worked in the Chapel on previous occasions.

## 11. Confetti

We regret that confetti (including rice and flower petals) must not be used in the Chapel or College grounds.

## 12. Further information

The Dean or Chaplain are always willing to answer any questions you may have. They can be contacted at the College. The Dean, The Rev'd Duncan Dormor, 01223 338633 [djd28@cam.ac.uk](mailto:djd28@cam.ac.uk) The Chaplain, The Rev'd Carol Barrett Ford, 01223 338617 [cb924@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cb924@cam.ac.uk)