

## Weddings at St Alphege Church, High Street, Whitstable

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Weddings may be booked at the Church Office on Thursdays between 7-8 pm. If either of you has been married (unless widowed), or involved in a Civil Partnership before, it is necessary for you to speak to the Vicar, before a firm booking can be taken.

Our fees for weddings in 2011 are as follows:-

<u>Basic Fee which includes Banns, Service &amp; Certificate</u>	<u>£287.50</u>
Options:-	
Services of vergers before during and after service (definitely recommended)	£20
Lighting and PA System	£5
Church Heating (October to March)	£40
Use of organ & organist (£25 use of organ fee if you provide your own organist)	£92
Choir	£85
Bells (if ringers available)	£90

If you have everything, the total April to September is £579.50 and October to March £619.50

Optional guitar/flute solo (to be paid at rehearsal)	£40
Optional CD playing during service (to be paid at rehearsal)	£20

Our Flower Arrangers are willing to provide flowers by arrangement directly with Mrs Ann Bunting Tel: 01227 265207 Minimum charge for flowers is £50.

St Alphege Church belongs to the Whitstable Team Ministry, which runs Marriage Preparation Sessions several times a year. You will receive an invitation to one of these courses. The 2011 course will be offered on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March & Sun 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Marriage Preparation session is a chance for you to deepen your relationship and prepare for your on-going life together. There is also a 'nuts and bolts' session at St Alphege Church, when we offer advice on the wedding service and a chance to meet the organist, choir leader and flower co-ordinator.

When you book your wedding, we ask you for a **deposit of £30**. The balance of payment for your wedding will be due **at least one calendar month before the wedding day**. This deposit will be refunded in the event of cancellation less £5 administration fee. Cheques should be made payable to '**St Alphege Whitstable DCC**'

Your **Banns of Marriage** will be read on the first three Sundays of the month before your wedding at our 9.30 am service unless we make a different arrangement with you. If one or both of you lives in another area, you must arrange to have your Banns read in your local Parish Church there too and bring the Banns Certificate to the priest who will be marrying you here, before the wedding. You will be asked for a fee of £34 at that church for the reading and certificate. **Your Banns will be read here on \_\_\_\_\_ . It is vital that we put as much detail as possible in the Marriage Registers. Please be sure to keep us informed if any details (eg. address or occupation) change between the time of booking and the wedding day. Marriage registers must be accurate.**

### **On your Wedding Day we ask for your cooperation as follows:**

The church car park is only big enough to accommodate the Vicar, bell ringers etc. Please ask your guests to use local car parks. The wedding car is allowed to wait on the road.

There should be no flash photography during the marriage service and no video photography unless you have paid the copyright fee.

We request that confetti is not thrown on the forecourt, but only on the street as you leave the church to go to your car.

We would be most grateful if guests would refrain from discarding cigarettes on our forecourt. There is a waste bin on the pavement.

We want to do all we can to make your Wedding Day special. Please call at the Church Office or contact the Vicar if you have any queries. You may also email Jo Rivers, the Bookings Secretary at [jarivers@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jarivers@tiscali.co.uk) to deal with any queries or report any changes.

Date of Wedding: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please bring your Birth Certificates along when you come to pay the balance.**