

How much does it cost?

A church wedding can be a champagne wedding on a cava budget!

The legal fees for a church wedding are very similar to a registry office alternative. After that, there are various optional extras which you can choose, so you can spend as much or as little as you wish. We want everyone who wants a church wedding to be able to have one, so we try to keep costs to an absolute minimum.

There are some fixed legal fees which are the same for church weddings in all Church of England churches.

- The statutory fee is £392.00 for 2014, with an additional £21.00 for the calling of your banns (£413.00 in total).
- If one or both of you live somewhere other than Belmont, you will also need to have your banns called locally and get a certificate that this has been done in each place (this will cost £34.00 per additional place, so a maximum of £68.00 if you live in two different parishes).

Other costs are optional extras, so it is up to you whether you want them or not. For example:

- We recommend the services of a Verger (£35.00). This means the church will be opened well before the Vicar gets there, and you have someone to help your guests as they arrive.
- The use of the organ and the services of an organist costs £98.50. Some couples prefer to use CDs, or have a friend who will play the piano. Or you may wish to bring in other professional musicians, such as a harpist, string quartet etc, who will have their own fees.
- Flowers can be a very expensive element of your day, using the services of professional florists. You may choose not to have flowers, or they can be done very inexpensively by our church florists or by your family and friends. See our separate price list for what our church florists can offer.
- The church choir are sometimes available to sing at weddings, at a cost of £200.00.
- Bells may be available: they are currently in need of restoration, so ask the Vicar for an update if you are interested. When they are available, we will ask for a contribution towards the restoration costs and the ringer(s) fee, likely to be in the region of £100.00.
- We can also provide Orders of Service for you, for around £25.00 - £50.00, though many couples print their own at home nowadays. Or you can use our hymn books at no charge.
- We can arrange for tea and coffee, cake or drinks to be served after the service while you are having photographs taken, at very low cost.

Most weddings, with the legal fees, verger and organist, cost about £550.00.