

St John the Baptist Parish Church, Dronfield – Wedding Music Guide

Dear Wedding Couple,

Please find below some guidelines to help you choose the music for your wedding.

So I can plan and organise your music as you would like it, **please return your completed Wedding Music Form to me at least six weeks prior to the date of your wedding.** Please can you either:

(i) Email it to me at robert.aldread@btinternet.com (I can send you an electronic Word file to complete if you send me an email and ask for it); or

(ii) Post it to me at the following address:

Dronfield Parish Church Office
21 Church Street
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If you'd like to discuss any aspect about your wedding music requirements, please feel free to email me at robert.aldread@btinternet.com or call me on 07969 663584.

I will do my best to meet all your musical ideas and preferences, but I can't guarantee to be able to meet each and every request. If you're in any doubt, please do check with me, certainly prior to the ordering and printing of any orders of service. There is a CD player and sound system in the Church so it is fine for you to have recorded music played if that is what you would like.

I recommend that you consider booking the Church Choir to sing at your wedding; my experience is that most wedding congregations do not join in with the singing and having the Choir prevents a potential anti-climax in your service. If you have the Choir, they will also sing a hymn (you are welcome to specify a choice) and perhaps an anthem (you are welcome to specify a *preference*, but we can't promise we can do this so please don't print this on your order of service) during the signing of the registers. There are currently about twenty people in the Choir, though the usual attendance at a wedding is about 10-12 depending on work and holiday commitments. As a general rule, the Choir is unavailable for weekday weddings, but please contact me and I will see what might be possible.

It is also possible for a soloist to sing at your wedding and I am generally happy to accompany them providing that I receive a copy of the music in good time. Kate Ward (a member of the church choir), is usually available to sing solos and she has previously sung pieces such as Ave Maria (Schubert, Bach/Gounod and Caccini versions) and The Lord bless you and keep you (John Rutter). Kate's can be contacted by email at kate.ward1@sky.com and her usual charge is £50. Please note that the cost of any soloist is not included in the fees which you will pay to the church; you will need to agree the fee and method of payment directly with the soloist.

There is also an excellent instrumental duo called Primavera Duo which consists of Emily Fox on flute and Owen Jones on guitar. Emily and Owen are available to be booked to play before the service, during the signing of the registers or at your wedding reception. Further details can be found on the website www.owenjonesmusic.com/primavera-duo. You can email Emily at emilyc.fox@aol.co.uk or call her on 07765 288258.

Please find below some suggestions for your wedding music. The lists are by no means exhaustive, but they contain the most popular choices from the past few years. Should you want

any of these pieces, then there is no need to check with me, as I already know and have copies of the music for all of them.

Music for the Entry of The Bride: The Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" (Wagner)***
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
Trumpet Tune in D (Purcell)
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)

Music for the Exit of The Wedding March (Mendelssohn)***
Bride & Groom: Prelude to a Te Deum (Charpentier)
Hornpipe from The Water Music (Handel)

*** These are the "traditional" pieces.

Suitable Hymns: Angel voices ever-singing
Come down, O Love divine
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Give me joy in my heart
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
I vow to thee my country
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Lord of all hopefulness
Love divine, all loves excelling
Make me a channel of your peace
Morning has broken
O Jesus I have promised
O perfect love
O praise ye the Lord
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
The King of love my shepherd is
Thine be the glory
We pledge to one another
Ye holy angels bright

I don't mind looking over a draft of your order of service prior to printing and that means we can check that the words of the hymns match with our hymn books that the choir would be using to sing from! **In any event, please can you send me a copy of your Order of Service at least two weeks before your wedding (an electronic copy by email is fine).**

I hope this guide helps you to complete your Wedding Music Form. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything.

King Regards



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