



Your Wedding

in the Parish of Great Snaithe

Helping You to Plan Your Day



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Welcome to the Parish of Great Snaith

Congratulations on your engagement! We are really pleased that you are getting married in the Parish of Great Snaith. This pack will help you with planning your wedding in this Parish.

Our team is always happy to assist with any questions, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need our advice.

Best wishes,



Team Rector

Do I Qualify to Marry in Great Snaith?

The Parish of Great Snaith is a Church of England parish within the Diocese of Sheffield. We conduct our Wedding Services using "The Common Worship" service book (2000). Whilst we are open to marrying people of faith and people of none, we can only conduct a Christian marriage service.

To qualify to marry in one of our four churches, you have to fulfil one of the following criteria:

1. at least one of you live in the Parish of Great Snaith which encompasses East and West Cowick, Snaith, Gowdall Pollington, Balne, Hensall, Little Heck, and Great Heck;
2. you have a qualifying connection to the Parish, e.g. your parents were married here;
3. You have habitually attended worship at any of our churches for six months.

If you are not sure if you qualify, please check with the Team Rector before you discount this as an option.

Some Myths



You don't have to have been Baptised (Christened) to get married in Church.



You don't have to be a regular churchgoer (although you are always welcome to be!)



You can remarry in church if you have been previously married, but this is at the discretion of the minister conducting your wedding. Please contact the Team Rector about this.



You don't have to get married on a Saturday, you can get married on any day of the week. In fact, wedding reception venues often offer a huge discount for weddings that are not on a Saturday.

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Booking your Wedding

In the first instance you will need to contact the Rector, Eleanor, to discuss your requirements and to reserve an initial date. It is worth knowing that reception venues often book up years in advance, so it is sometimes better to book that venue first, but please talk to us to ensure a date is available before you book the reception.

Weddings can take place on any day of the week, during the hours of daylight. However, traditionally most take place on Saturday. Most Saturdays throughout the year are available, but there will be some Saturdays which already have church events booked on them.

Once you have spoken to Eleanor, she will advise you on the legal procedure before you marry, usually Banns of Marriage, which are called during the church service. If one of you is a foreign national, then the procedure is a little more complex. However, letting Eleanor know at your earliest convenience means the procedure should move swiftly.

Ministers in the Parish of Great Snaith



Rev Eleanor Robertshaw - Rector

Eleanor became the Rector of Great Snaith in October 2013. Prior to that she was a Curate in Stainforth. She lives at the "Orchard" Rectory in Snaith with her husband Paul and their West Highland White Terrier, Millie.

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Rev Peter Hibbs - Associate Vicar

Peter lives in Snaith with his wife Laura. They have three children: Richard, Phillipa and William. Peter has recently been appointed as Associate Vicar in Snaith.

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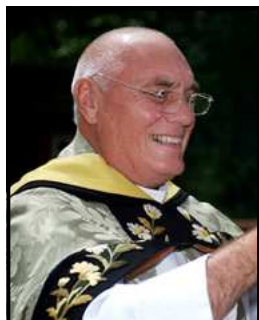


Rev Peter Warren - Team Member

Peter lives in Pollington with His wife Sue, and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

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Rev Dr Michael Wright - Team Member

Michael lives in Hensall with his wife Barbara, a former high school headteacher and director of education for the Wakefield diocese. Their eclectic family includes birth, foster and adopted children.

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Churches in the Parish of Great Snaith

There are four churches within the Great Snaith Team in which weddings may take place:

St Laurence Priory - Snaith

This is the mother church and is , in parts, over 900 years old. It is also the largest of all the churches, seating well over 500 people.

Snaith Priory has the advantage of a very long aisle if the bride would like to make a grand entrance!

Holy Trinity - Cowick

This church was built in 1854 and has a very traditional style. It is an intimate church which will comfortably seat over 200 people. It also has a very well kept churchyard which makes for pretty photos.

St John the Baptist - Pollington

This church was also build in the Victorian era. It is set quite a long way back off the road and has a lovely pathway up to the church building. Inside the church, there is plenty of space for both guests and flowers!

St Paul's - Hensall

Also built in 1854, St Paul's has a traditional feel to it and comfortably seats over 200 people. A lot of work has recently been put into the churchyard and there are planters available for your use.

Legal Preliminaries

From 1st March 2015, before Banns can be called, the Rector must check that you are eligible. Banns can only be called for British citizens. The Rector must prove that you are British - this means that Eleanor will need to physically see your passport. If you don't have a passport, do not worry, but please talk to Eleanor at your earliest convenience.

Banns

Banns of marriage are called in the church at which you will be married within three months of the proposed wedding date. If you live in the Parish of Great Snaith, your Banns will be called automatically. The Rector will be able to inform you of the date at which they will actually be called, and you are welcome to attend the service. Usually, Banns are called on the first three Sundays of a month, two months before you marry. For example, if you intend to get married in August, the Banns will be called on the first three Sundays in June. Sunday services are at 9:15am at Cowick and Hensall, and at 10:45 at Pollington and Snaith.

If one of you lives outside the Parish, the Banns must also be called in your home Parish. This also applies if you both live outside the Parish and are marrying after six months habitual attendance at the church where you will be married. It is vital that you contact the minister of your home Parish **at least three months** before you marry. This is **your** responsibility. If you aren't sure, you can find out by entering your postcode at the website "A Church Near You" (<http://www.achurchnearyou.com>).

Usually, details for the minister that you need to contact can be found on this site but, if you have difficulty, please contact the Rector for help.


Some people do not qualify for reading of Banns. If one of you is a foreign national, please contact the Rector as early as possible.

Service

This is an outline of what your wedding service will look like. Please also have a look at www.yourchurchwedding.org for further details.


Entrance

Bride and Groom's choice of music—traditionally the *Bridal Chorus* by Richard Wagner from the opera *Lohengrin* (typically known as “Here Comes The Bride”).




Hymn

Popular hymns include *Morning Has Broken*, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *Give Me Joy in My Heart* and *One More Step Along the World I Go*. Please also have a look at www.yourchurchwedding.org, or the sample list contained in this pack.




Marriage

Please note that couples are **not** permitted to write their own vows—the service includes legally written vows.



Readings

There is space for a non-religious reading or poem if you choose. There is also a Bible reading. The most popular reading at weddings is the 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, but there are many other options.




Sermon


A short sermon from the minister.

**Prayers**

For the bride and groom.


**Hymn**

Please see the previous list, and also the sample list contained in this pack.


**Signing of the
Register**

This can take up to ten minutes. Many couples provide a CD with some favourite music to play during this time. However, the organist or choir can provide suitable music if you would prefer.


Please note that only those people directly involved in the Signing are permitted into the area reserved for this important legal process, and the only photographs permitted at this time are those taken by the official photographer.

**Blessing**

The newly-married couple receive a blessing from the officiating minister.

**Exit**

The couple depart to music of their own choice. This is typically the *Wedding March* by Felix Mendelssohn.



Decoration of the Church

Flowers are very welcome in the church. We will work with your florist to ensure that the church is decorated prior to the wedding day.

There are no problems associated with removing floral arrangements to take to the reception venue. If you tell us beforehand what you would like to be moved, we will do our best to make sure that there are people there to help you.

Many couples decorate the pew ends. The following list indicates the available pew ends in each church:

Cowick: 25 pew ends

Hensall: 25 pew ends

Pollington: 25 pew ends

Snaith Priory: 40 pew ends

Wedding Blessings

Were you married abroad or in a Registry Office? The Church of England offers a Blessing Service that can take place after a civil ceremony. If you would like to discuss what options are available, please contact the Rector.

Rehearsal

We want your wedding day to be perfect—everything that you have ever dreamed of, and we will do our best to play our part in making sure that nothing goes wrong on the day.

Of course, you will have spoken to one of our ministers more than once, but to make sure that everything goes to plan, we offer a rehearsal for the service. This usually takes places on an evening in the week before the planned wedding date, but we can be flexible to meet your needs.

The rehearsal will run through the whole service in a relaxed manner, and we can stop at any time to allow you to ask questions. It is amazing that, no matter how we all try to think of everything, little details jump out:

- *where are the bridesmaids going to sit?*
- *how long does the bridal procession take?*
- *who is doing the readings?*

Everyone is welcome to attend the rehearsal but, in general, the following would normally be expected to be present:

Bride & Groom

Best Man

Bridesmaids

Person Who Will Be Giving the Bride Away

Ushers (optional)

When the rehearsal has finished, you will be confident that everything will go as well as it can. It is our job to make sure that you don't need to worry about the service, but can enjoy taking part in your wedding before God.

Fees in 2017

The fee for a wedding based in 2018 in the Parish of Great Snaith is £605.

This includes:

- all of the legal fees
- a vergers
- an organist.

The fee increases slightly each year, but the most up-to-date fee structure can be found on our website.

If payment is to be made by cheque, we ask that this is made at least two weeks before the service. If you are paying by cash, it is fine to make the payment at the rehearsal.

Bells

If you choose to marry at Snaith Priory, you can request to have the peal of eight bells rung. This is an additional cost of £125 as the ringers work separately from the church, and must be paid in cash.

Music

As well as music on the organ, you are welcome to request any choices of music on CD.

We also have a Parish Choir who may be available at your request for both religious and secular wedding music at a cost of £30.

