



Getting

# MARRIED

In St. John's Church  
Stranraer



**The Scottish Episcopal Church is  
part of the world-wide Anglican  
Communion**

Our Marriage Liturgy offers an excellent resource in planning a wedding service and was renewed in 2007 to create a balance between what the Church wants to say about God's love and what the couple getting married want to say about their love and commitment to one another.

# Frequently asked questions.

## **Why get married in Church?**

People have been coming to Church to mark the most significant events in their lives for generations. We've got a lot of practice at doing weddings well.

## **Will getting married save me from dealing with the Registrar?**

No, everyone who gets married in Scotland has to produce a Marriage Schedule from a Registrar.

The Registrar will make a charge for providing this.

## **Can you read my "banns", I'm getting married in England?**

No, banns have no validity in law in any Scottish Episcopal Church. Contact the local Registrar in England for what you need to do next.

## **Can we book a wedding on a particular date?**

Talk to your local Episcopal priest. Try to check dates with the Church before booking a reception .

## **I can't afford a big Church wedding, what should I do?**

There is no reason for a Church wedding to be any more expensive than any other sort .of wedding.

## **I've been married before, can I still get married in Church?**

The Scottish Episcopal Church marries a lot of people who are doing this for the second time around. The clergy can agree to marry people in that situation with their bishop's permission.

Talk to your local Episcopal priest about it. We are unlikely to agree if the marriage would lead to a scandal, for example if you have children from a previous marriage whom you are not supporting financially.

## **Can I have the full works - bells, organ, choir and horse-drawn carriage?**

You will have to supply your own horse and carriage. Some churches have bells, most have an organ and a good organist and some have choirs who are willing to sing at weddings.

## **Can I get married in any colour?**

Yes

## **Why do you do the same service for everyone - we would rather make it special to us?**

We don't - weddings in Scottish Episcopal churches allow couples to make lots of choices so that they get a wedding tailor-made for themselves. You can read our Marriage Liturgy on

[www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/liturgy/liturgy/marriage\\_liturgy\\_2007](http://www.scotland.anglican.org/index.php/liturgy/liturgy/marriage_liturgy_2007)

## **Are you more married if you get married in Church than in a Registry Office?**

No.

## **We are living together, why can't we get married in Church?**

You can. Very many weddings that take place in Church these days are of people who are living together .

## **... but we have children, the priest will never agree to us being married?**

Think again.

## **Do I have to be a Church member?**

No, but we would be happy to talk with you about becoming. one

## **Can we be married in your Church if one partner is Catholic and the other Protestant?**

Yes, but it would be appropriate for the Catholic partner to speak to their priest first.

Everyone who gets married in Scotland has to produce a Marriage Schedule from a Registrar. Details of how to do this and about the law in Scotland for marriages are available from the Registrar General of Scotland and from your local Registry Office.  
[www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/regscot/getting-married-in-scotland](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/regscot/getting-married-in-scotland).

Once you have decided where you would like to get married in Scotland make contact with your local Episcopal Priest. This can be by E-mail, Post or Phone either directly or via the Church Secretary c/o. your local church address.

## Facilities

The church is a bright modern space adaptable for a variety of layouts and has a fire certificate for a maximum of 80 persons Seated.

A modern electronic organ with an Organist.

A sound system with tape and CD players .

An Induction Loop System.

A Stair lift for wheelchair access.

Disabled toilet facilities.

An LCD projector with computer input for projection of hymns.

Pre-recorded electronic backing tracks for the hymns are also possible.

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