



Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes

St. Sampson's, Cricklade

St. John's, Latton

All Saints', Leigh

Upper Thames Group of Churches 2023 Wedding & Banns Fees	
Publication of Banns <sup>1</sup>	£36
Marriage Service	£531
Verger, copyright, music licence, right to video <sup>2</sup>	£75
Heating <sup>3</sup>	£50
Suggested donation <sup>4</sup>	£50
<b>Basic Cost of a Wedding (with no extras – see below)</b>	
	<b>£692</b> Excl. heating
<b>Optional Extras<sup>4</sup></b>	
Church Bells	£120
Organist	£120
Choir	£80-£100

### **Notes on fees:**

1. **Banns**

- This fee is not payable for couples who have applied for a Common Marriage Licence or Superintendent Registrar's Certificate.
- If you are getting married in another church, publication of Banns costs £36 + £18 for the banns certificate = £54

2. **Verger, copyright & the right to video**

This fee covers:

- The cost of opening the church for flower arrangers, setting up for the rehearsal, and a ministry of welcome for guests, ability to play CDs.
- Small contribution to the cost of the church copyright licence, which allows for the reprinting of hymn words in a church service.
- Permission for an official video to be taken during the service.

3. **Heating**

This may be subject to change due to increasing fuel costs. Heating will be switched on for weddings between beginning October and end of May. Even in the summer the church can be cool and damp however so if you would like heating for your summer wedding let us know.

4. **Suggested Donation**

We ask this of all wedding/marriage blessing couples. Our church is maintained entirely by voluntary contributions; we receive no state aid. These beautiful buildings are all historic jewels and are very costly to maintain in a good condition for future generations and to ensure weddings/marriage blessings can take place. Your donation helps to cover the costs

of professional maintenance, routine care of a listed building, public liability insurance, etc.

5. **Optional Extras**

These payments go directly to pay for the services of the Bell Ringers/Organist/Choir. Bells and Choir dependent on availability.

**Wedding Blessing Service or Renewal of Vows Service**

If you are already legally married but wish to host a Wedding Blessing or Renewal of Vows for your friends & family to attend, please see fees below.

<b>Blessing Fees</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Simple blessing – up to 10 guests</b>	
Donation only ( <i>suggested</i> )	£50
Heating ( <i>optional</i> )	£50
<b>Simple blessing – up to 20 guests</b>	
Suggested Donation	£50
Verger ( <i>if music required on sound system</i> )	£50
Heating ( <i>optional</i> )	£50
<b>Simple blessing – up to 50 guests</b>	
Suggested Donation	£100
Verger ( <i>if music required on sound system</i> )	£50
Heating ( <i>optional</i> )	£50
<b>Wedding-style service (incl. hymns, readings) – any number of guests</b>	
Service including suggested donation	£200
Verger, copyright, music licence, right to video	£75
Heating ( <i>optional</i> )	£50
<u>Optional extras for wedding-style service:</u>	
Church Bells	£120
Organist	£120
Choir	£120