



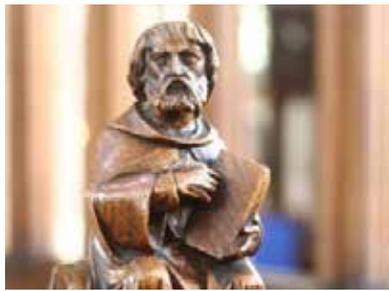
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Your Wedding
at Hull Minster



" Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrong. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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We are delighted that you are considering having your marriage service at Hull Minster.

We hope the following information will help you in your consideration and planning.

There is a team of clergy at the Minster, all of whom are licensed to carry out services of marriage. The Church of England's website about weddings is an excellent resource in preparing your wedding service (including popular music choices):
www.yourchurchwedding.org

An Introduction from the Church of England

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant* between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

**A Covenant is a promise, a commitment, a pledge.*



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How do I get married at Hull Minster?

We encourage you to visit the parish church where you live as you consider where you would like to get married. Your local vicar would be happy to chat to you about having a church wedding.

If you are thinking of having your marriage service at Hull Minster, we encourage you to come along and visit us during our opening hours or at a Sunday service, where you will meet members of the clergy team and the wider church community. If, after consultation, the wedding will be at Hull Minster, you will need to fill out a Marriage Service Form.



Marriage Service Form:

Please email our Parish office on office@hullminster.org to request a form. After you have completed and returned the form, your application will be assigned to one of the clergy team. They will contact you at least six months before the date of your wedding and discuss in detail the requirements for the Banns of marriage to be read and the service format.



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Legalities

There are legal requirements that must be met to be married at Hull Minster (and in any Anglican church); in particular, you must have a 'qualifying connection' with the church. However, many couples will be able to meet these. You will already have a qualifying connection if:

- You have been baptised or confirmed in the parish
- Your parents or grandparents were married in the parish
- You have lived or worshipped for more than 6 months in the parish
- Your parents have lived or worshipped for more than 6 months in the parish during your lifetime



Where these legal requirements cannot be met it may be necessary to apply for a Common Licence or Archbishop's Special Licence.

Attendance

If you do not fit into the above, you can gain a qualifying connection by attending Sunday worship for six months prior to your wedding date. We strongly encourage you to come along to Sunday worship even if you already have a connection, as we would love to get to know you and for you to feel part of the wider community of Hull Minster.

If you are not sure about the above please make an appointment to see one of the clergy team, via the office, who will be delighted to discuss this with you.



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The Marriage Service

A wedding at Hull Minster usually consists of the following;

Processional

(music for entry of the bride)

Preface

The Declarations

Bible Reading

The Address

The Marriage Vows & Exchanging of Rings

Prayer

The Signing of the Registers

(music during signing)

Recessional

(music for the bride and groom to leave)



Please Note

The Bible Reading and Address can also come after the Marriage if preferred.

Hymns or songs can feature throughout the service, with the minister and Director of Music guiding your planning. Your minister will help you think about what Bible reading/s you would like to have read in your wedding service.



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Wedding Music

Music is a significant aspect of most church weddings, and we aim to help each couple find the best option for their special day.

Your service can include entrance and recessional music, hymns or songs and music to accompany the signing of the registers.

This can be traditional or contemporary in genre and style, or a blend of both! Our clergy and Director of Music welcome the opportunity to support and guide you as you choose the perfect music for your wedding.

Organ

Hymns and songs accompanied by the organ adds a sense of majestic beauty to any traditional wedding service. Traditional entrance and recessional music is a popular feature of many weddings.

Choir

Members of the Minster Choir can accompany the hymns, providing support for the congregation. The Choir can also provide music to accompany the signing of the registers.

Solo Singer (classical or contemporary)

A solo vocalist can sing classical or contemporary music during various elements of the service, including your requested music.

Worship Band

Usually consisting of piano, guitar, percussion and vocalist(s), our musicians can provide a more contemporary feel to any wedding, ranging in style from folk, pop and gospel.

Mr Mark Keith, Director of Music
music@hullminster.org



Please see the enclosed up-to-date fees list.

Please note we cannot accommodate pre-recorded music to accompany congregational hymns or songs. We can accommodate pre-recorded music for other elements of the service. Please allow plenty of time for discussion if requesting unusual musical requirements.



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Refreshments

The Minster Kitchen can provide refreshment options for you and your guests if you would like to continue your celebrations in Hull Minster.

Options include:

- Tea/coffee with homemade cake (Afternoon Tea style)
- Canapés and Champagne

Please tell the member of the clergy who is taking your wedding if you are interested in Minster Kitchen catering for your wedding. They will direct you to our Minster Kitchen manager who will make further arrangements with you.



Flowers in Church

Hull Minster's Flower Team can create beautiful flower displays, or liaise with your florist to arrange delivery, and create a memorable keepsake for the bride and bridesmaids.

For more details please contact office@hullminster.org



Bells and Carillon

The Minster Bell Ringers can provide the perfect close to your wedding service by ringing the amazing bells of Hull Minster. Please see our current fee list.



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Spaces

Being England's largest parish church we have a number of beautiful spaces to get married in to suit the style and size of your wedding.

Nave

Capacity: 550 seated

The grandeur of our spectacular nave will give any large wedding the splendour you will be looking for. Its medieval architecture, Victorian stained glass windows and modern facilities makes it truly the choice for creating an unforgettable wedding.



Chancel

Capacity: 100 seated

Surrounded by beautiful, hard carved Victorian screens and pews and overlooked by our stunning East window, the Chancel exudes a romantic atmosphere.



Broadley Chapel

Capacity: 20 seated

Our last remaining chantry chapel is a small space to have an intimate and very personal service for a few close family and friends.



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Heritage

Since the 13th Century Holy Trinity Church has been a constant presence in the heart of Kingston upon Hull. Some say the history of the city is “written in our walls”, as the people of Hull and the building have journeyed together through the last eight centuries.

A new chapter began in 2017, with the redesignation of Holy Trinity Church as Hull Minster. Those who have and will be united in marriage within the walls of Hull Minster will share a part of the continuing story in this sacred building.

The history of Hull Minster is incredible. Royal origins, walls built inside separating Puritans and Presbyterians and strong connections to great people like Andrew Marvell and William Wilberforce. Its stained glass windows and architecture are of national and international significance, and it managed to survive both Zeppelin raids and Nazi bombings during the first and second world wars.

Hull Minster has an amazing story to tell, and you will become part of that story.





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