

St Mary's Church

St Mary's is a small church, with an innate beauty and offers an intimate setting for weddings. Most couples consider that it does not really need a great deal of embellishment, though we respect that tastes and preferences vary.

St Mary's has a very active membership worshipping regularly at 10:30 am each Sunday. Part of our ministry, and one which gives us real joy, is to couples coming to us for marriage. Normally there is no confliction between the needs of wedding couples and flowers for Sunday morning. Some couples choose to leave their flowers for Sunday worship; others take them on to the reception. This is obviously fine, but it helps for us to know what is intended for each wedding so that we can plan around that for church requirements.

We hope you find the following guidelines of practical help but please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any assistance.

Pedestal Arrangements

There is space beside the chancel arch and within the sanctuary for pedestal arrangements. Extremely large displays can, however, look out of proportion.

Three adjustable pedestals may be available for use by prior arrangement.

Circulation Space

It is our normal custom for the wedding couple to sign the Wedding Register at the altar in the chancel and any floral arrangements should leave plenty of room for the officiating minister, the couple and witnesses to move around the communion table without constriction.

Whilst lilies are always popular, because of the limited space available, we have had problems with pollen staining clothing.

Other Possibilities

Wall Arrangements

Some hooks are provided on the side walls at approx. 8' height (2.45 m). Please exercise care if hanging displays on these hooks. Please also ensure that arrangements do not hang down over the 'Stations of the Cross' below.

Font

We have no objection to floral displays sitting on the wooden cover on the font, so long as the cover is adequately protected from dampness. Please do not under any circumstances remove the wooden cover.

Porch

It is perfectly acceptable to decorate the window ledge and arch capitals, as well as to have free-standing tubs at the steps or within the porch.

Candles and Petals

If you wish to use candles, please discuss this with the Wedding Coordinator at St Mary's. Health and Safety factors need to be taken into account. On occasions, candle wax has caused damage to our communion table linen, which we are obviously eager to avoid. We may be able to provide glass containers for use in appropriate places.

We request that no petals are scattered in the Church without prior discussion and express permission as to where this may be done. Experience has shown that when both doors are open these are liable to blow around and may become difficult to clean up in time for our services.

Clearing Up

Flowers and containers that are not being left for the use of the Church must be removed immediately after the wedding service, as we have no facility for storage.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters. If you have any queries, please do contact our Wedding Coordinator.

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Guidelines for Wedding Florists

