



St Mary's Church
Dalmahoy
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Advice for your Piper

*If you are having a piper to welcome guests to the church before the service, please note the following and **ensure that a copy of this note is passed to your piper.***

Please ask the piper to play at the north entrance to the **churchyard**, the one from the main church car park, by or under the large yew tree. That way, the organ and the pipes will not conflict before the service and, if the weather is not good, he/she will get reasonable protection under the yew tree (provided that there is no threat of a thunderstorm!). All your guests will usually arrive that way and will be welcomed by the pipes.

About 5 minutes before the bride is due to arrive, by which time hopefully all your guests will have arrived and be seated comfortably in the church, the piper should move to the roadside* near the east gate of the churchyard (near the bridge over the stream) and pipe the bride to the main south-west door of the church. The organist will stop playing as soon as the piper is heard approaching.

If the weather is inclement, the bride's car may enter through the car park to drop her as close as possible to the church door. In this event, the piper should remain under the yew tree at the entrance to the churchyard as above, and pipe the bride's car through the churchyard and the bride to the church door.

Toilet/Washroom Facilities

Toilet/Washroom facilities are available in the Douglas Hall (the church hall with double green doors in the church car park), which will be open for use of your guests and the piper, including disabled and baby-changing facilities.

We suggest you let your ushers know about the location of the toilets/washrooms – there are no toilet/washroom facilities in the church.

**If most of your guests will be walking down to the church from the Dalmahoy Hotel, then the piper should start here at the roadside.*

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