

St Mary's Church Dalmahoy Kirknewton West Lothian EH27 8EB 0131 333 1683

Wedding Organist

St Mary's Resident Organist is Alan John Phillips and he will play for your wedding, unless other arrangements are made through him (see next page).

Choosing your music

To help you choose music for your wedding, please visit Alan's website at <u>https://alanjohnphillips.weebly.com/weddings.html</u>, where you will find lots of hymns and organ music for you to browse, watch and listen to at your leisure, to help you make your mind up. All of his suggested organ music has been recorded by him personally at Dalmahoy and elsewhere. You can also listen to all the organ music as a continuous YouTube playlist. This webpage also contains useful information about liturgy and the law.

Please submit your musical choice using the online form at the foot of the wedding page on Alan's website at least **6 weeks** before your wedding date.

As an optional follow-up to your online choice, you may also wish to have a discussion with Alan regarding the music for your ceremony. The best place and time for such a meeting is at St Mary's on a Sunday following the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist service, during which you can judge how the organ sounds with a full congregation, and get a feel for the building. If you think that a discussion is necessary, contact Alan at organist@stmarysdalmahoy.org.uk to make an appointment.

Resident Organist's fee

The total organist's wedding fee at St Mary's is £147, which is automatically included in the fee you pay to the church.

This fee includes both the basic fee of £98 and a supplementary charge of £49 to cover performers' rights in regard to any recordings, both professional and casual, made during your ceremony. Please note that, in accordance with the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, permission to make any video or audio recordings of your ceremony must be obtained from the minister/priest officiating at your wedding, together with the organist and any other musicians performing. However, permission is very rarely denied!

Bringing Your Own Organist

Very occasionally, couples request that a friend or relative be allowed to play the organ for their wedding. If you wish to request arrangements for your own organist, and are satisfied regarding their competence, please indicate this on your initial Application Form.

As a matter of contract law, our Resident Organist, as part of his right to play the organ at all weddings at St Mary's, is also entitled to receive the church's basic wedding fee of £98 if he permits someone else to take his place at the organ. This is in addition to the fee you pay to your visiting organist.

Other Musical Arrangements

The same procedure applies if some other form of music is to be used at a wedding ceremony, such as a music group, harp or pre-recorded music (i.e. no organ required at all). The basic wedding fee of £98 is still payable to the Resident Organist.

In both the above cases when the Resident Organist is not performing personally, he will not be paid the performer's rights supplement of £49.

Contact Details

Rector

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