

• what else may we do or have?

- You may want to use the **organ**. We ask a sum towards its maintenance — it does need quite a bit. If you know of someone you would like to play for you, that's fine. But it may be necessary to pay our own organist a further fee.

- You may want a **choir**, and it is sometimes possible for us to suggest more than one option.

- You may want **flowers**. Mrs Hilary King (☎ 020 8647 6467) will try to match your colour scheme, and for a fee she will provide two stands. She would appreciate a month's notice.

- You may want **bells** after the ceremony has ended. There is a fee for this too.

- You may want a **video** recording of your wedding. If you do, you will be entering a potentially complex field of copyrights and performance charges. We therefore have to say (1) there is a disclaimer to sign; (2) it may be necessary to ask you to pay some extra fees.

• what should we do next?

- Say what it is you would like to feature in your wedding. We shall make every effort to make sure that these optional items are provided, but obviously we cannot give guarantees for something that is so far in advance and involves so many volunteers.

- Contact us **three months** before the wedding is due to take place, and we shall arrange a meeting.

- Please fill in the forms that we have enclosed. The first is a declaration of your personal details; eventually it will be copied into the register and signed. The second outlines the sort of a ceremony you are hoping for. Send them back as soon as you can, together with a **non-returnable deposit of £50** (payable to "Carshalton Rector & Churchwardens"). The balance can be paid closer to the wedding day, when the banns are being called.

- The parish clerk will be able to answer most of your questions about the ceremony, and will refer you to the Rector when necessary (☎ **020 8395 8394**). You must not hesitate to ask if you are uncertain about anything. God bless you both.



getting married

at

ALL SAINTS

MARRIAGE is a sacrament, and we are glad that you are asking for your wedding to take place in this church. Couples have been married here for over a thousand years. Though society has changed, the basic truth about marriage has not. When two committed people become one flesh, they reflect God's **commitment** towards his people and his creation in Jesus Christ, and they also share in it. The ceremony will make that very clear.

A lot of traditions surround weddings, and we can help you keep some of them — more details are in this pamphlet. Because they involve people's time and expertise there are often some modest **fees** involved.

There are also **rules** that have to be kept : for everyone's sake, marriage is regulated both by Act of Parliament and by canon law. Over the years this parish has found that certain things work best if they are done in certain ways.

• what must we do first?

- You should name the **day**, though the Rector may have to say what **time**.
- You must check that one of you has an **address** in this parish, *or* that you are on the electoral roll of this parish church (*i.e.* you are someone who worships here).
- If your address changes **you must tell us at once**. This could be most important.
- If neither of you has that sort of connexion, you will have to apply for a special licence. That is more expensive and is sometimes complicated.
- You **must** have the banns of marriage read in the parishes where **each of you** lives. This **must** be done not more than three months before the wedding, and you are responsible for making sure that happens. If you don't know the name of the other parish, the Rector will help.
- The Church of England has not been able to reach a common mind on remarriage in church after **divorce**. If either of you has been married before, you should consult the Rector before arranging for a ceremony here.

• what will it cost?

- Weddings always incur **fees**. You will find that they represent the least part of the cost of getting married.
- Fees alter with effect from **1 January** each year. It is important to remember this if you book a wedding one year to take place in another. Fees apply to a number of essential areas.
- Calling **banns** in *each* parish, if you live in different parishes. (The other parish will give a certificate to say this has been done.)
- The services of the **minister** who performs the ceremony. (This fee is sent to a central fund for the payment of all clergy and it is not kept by the Rector.)
- The **parish** that has the duty to provide the use of its church building.
- A **certificate** of marriage to say where and when the ceremony took place.
- An **administration** fee : weddings involve a number of people in the operation (opening, closing, telephoning, postage, checking, assisting, and so on).