

ST MARY'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
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Weddings 2026

Guidance Notes & Fees



Thank you for considering St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral for your wedding.

This guide is designed to help you plan your marriage in the Cathedral. Please take time to read it before completing and returning your application form to Liz Mackie, Cathedral Administrator (admin@cathedral.net)

It is likely that you will already have discussed your marriage with one of the Clergy but if not, one of them will contact you when we receive your form.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's Cathedral.

Yours sincerely,

The Very Reverend John Conway
Provost (provost@cathedral.net)

Liz Mackie
Administrator (admin@cathedral.net)

The Reverend Marion Chatterley
Vice-Provost (viceprovost@cathedral.net)



1. Applying to be married in the Cathedral is subject to the approval of the clergy. We will confirm as soon as possible.
2. Due to other commitments, it is not possible to have weddings in August.
3. If you wish to be married by a member of clergy from outside the Cathedral, please discuss with the Provost before submitting your application form.
4. You are responsible for obtaining the Registrar's Schedule and fulfilling all requirements of civil law of Scotland to enable the marriage to take place. Please contact the Registrar's Office for further information.
5. The Scottish Episcopal Church allows, in certain circumstances and with the permission of the Bishop of Edinburgh, the remarriage of divorced person(s) in Church. The Clergy will help you make your application to the Bishop but do allow enough time for this in your planning.
6. PHOTOGRAPHS
Please arrange your own photographer and send Liz Mackie, Administrator, their name and contact details. Please do not take photographs of the choir or the organist at any time.
7. FILMING & RECORDING
If you are considering an audio or video recording of your service, please discuss this with us when booking. ***There is an additional fee for recording.*** Please note that it is not possible to film or record weddings in the Lady Chapel.
8. LIVESTREAMING
If you would like to live stream your wedding please let us know when you book.
9. MUSIC
Our Director of Music, Duncan Ferguson, will help you to choose music. Please discuss hymns, voluntaries, anthems etc with him at least 3 months before your wedding for the best chance of being able to accommodate your requests. We welcome requests for solos or for music requiring extra singers or instrumentalists, but this depends on their availability and may be at extra cost to you. If you would like a choir then we will do our best to accommodate your request, but please note that at some times of the year this is unlikely to be possible (especially outside school term such as Easter holidays and July). The choir selected for weddings will usually comprise some of the cathedral's lay clerks plus sopranos or a small group of the cathedral choristers.
Please note that it is not possible to have music at weddings in the Lady Chapel.
10. FLOWERS
Please arrange your own florist, send us their name and contact details and ask your



florist to contact Liz Mackie, Administrator to discuss your plans. Please let us know whether you prefer to take your flowers away after the ceremony.

11. BELL RINGING

Our bellringers would be delighted to ring at your wedding if they are available. Please let us know on the application form and we will confirm as soon as possible.

12. CAPACITY

The Cathedral seats up to 800. There is a limit of 50 guests if you book the High Altar and 20 if you book the Lady Chapel. Please let us know the approximate number of guests you expect.

13. TIME ALLOWED

Please note that we allow one hour for your wedding booking. If you arrive late it may be necessary for us to shorten your service because our clergy and musicians may have other commitments or pass on to you extra fees if musicians are required to extend their booking time.

14. PAYMENT TERMS

A deposit of 25% (of the venue hire fee only) is required to confirm your booking. The balance of the venue hire fee and the cost of other services requested is due 21 days before your wedding. Once your booking is agreed we will send you an invoice for the deposit and a second invoice when final details have been confirmed.



Wedding Fees 2026

Please note that these fees apply for weddings taking place in 2026. If you would like to book your wedding for subsequent years, please let us know so we can advise you accordingly.

Cathedral Service

USE OF CATHEDRAL

High Altar (max 50 people)	£ 700
Lady Chapel (max 20 people)	£ 270
Full Cathedral	£ 1,400

BELLS £ 225

MUSIC

Organist	<i>(fees on request)</i>
Choir, or solo singer (number dependent on availability)	<i>(fees on request)</i>

