

LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

Our Lady & St Nicholas

Marriage Fees 2023

It often feels that arranging a wedding costs a lot of money. Even so, the cost of getting married in Church is less than the average price of a wedding dress. The details below show the different elements of the marriage fee – some of them are optional – and over the page is the table of costs for 2023.

Statutory Fees

Some of the core costs for marriage are set centrally and published annually by the Church of England

Publication of banns

Banns are the legal preliminaries for most couples who get married at Liverpool Parish Church. Your banns will also need to be called in the parish church where you live, and they will charge an additional fee.

Marriage service

Liverpool Parish Church does not retain all of this fee, part of which goes to support other churches in the Diocese.

Local Fees

Verger

The verger ensures that the Church is ready for your wedding and will help look after your guests.

Fabric/Maintenance donation

We invite taxpayers to gift aid this voluntary donation.

Optional Extras

Most couples would consider some of these as essential rather than 'extras'. These costs are not retained by the Church.

Organist

The organist is a very experienced musician and will be able to give you advice concerning appropriate music and to play things over for you on the organ so you can get a feel of what various pieces of music sound like. He can be contacted in church every Sunday after the 10.00am Parish Eucharist or via the church office.

Recorded Music

Many couples choose to use recorded music at some point in the service. We have the facility to play music on CD, memory stick/SD card, or direct from your mobile phone or music storage device. We make a small charge for a technician to operate the sound system during the service.

Bells

Liverpool Parish Church has one of the finest peals of bells in the country. If you want them to ring out over the city as you leave church on your wedding day, be sure to let us know as soon as possible.

Flowers

Flowers are provided and arranged by our Flower Guild. Our team is happy to discuss with you and advise what will suit your wedding. We do not allow outside florists. Please contact Mrs Sarah Doyle, Head of our Flower Guild, via the church office.

Filming of live music and Live Streaming

If your photographer intends to record video as well as still images, an additional fee is payable in respect of recording reproduction rights (see fees table overleaf). It is important to notify the church in advance if this is to apply.

We can live-stream your wedding to friends who cannot attend the service: please enquire at the office for details.

If your wedding includes the playing of recorded music or any live performance then please check that your videographer has a Limited Manufacture Licence (LML) from the PRS for Music website.

Choir

'The St Nicholas Singers' are a professional quintet who sing for us at Liverpool Parish Church. In an age when few people in wedding congregations will be confident singers, the atmosphere at the marriage ceremony can be transformed with the support of professional musicians. If you would like the St Nicholas Singers please inform your priest and contact the Singers' Director, Mr Stuart Keen, via the church office. He will be able to suggest suitable music and inform you if the Singers are available on your wedding day.

Booking Details

When you book your wedding, we ask you for a non-refundable deposit of £100 to secure the date/time. This is later deducted from the final amount.

Weddings are coordinated by the Revd Michelle Montrose. If you have any questions at any stage, just drop her a line by e-mail: revmichelle@livpc.co.uk; she can also be contacted via the Parish Office: enquiries@livpc.co.uk

Marriage Fees as at 01 March 2023

The following are the 'statutory' fees that the law insists we charge to those marrying in church (subject to change each January)

Publication of banns	£ 34.00	
Marriage service	£505.00	(Liverpool Parish Church does not retain all of this fee, part of which goes to support other churches in the Diocese)
<i>To this we add:</i>		
Verger's fee	£ 30.00	
Fabric/Maintenance	£ <u>200.00</u>	
Total payable	£ <u>769.00</u>	Payable to 'Liverpool Parish Church'
<u>Optional Extras:</u>		
Organist	£ 85.00	(£110.00 if recorded video or live-streamed)
Bells	£160.00	
Choir	£250.00	(£350.00 if recorded video, live-streamed)
Operation of sound system	£ 15.00	(if using recorded music during the service)
Flowers/Extra Candles	Costs available on request from Mrs Sarah Doyle	

An invoice will be sent to you prior to the date of your wedding. All fees must be paid no later than 4 weeks prior to your wedding. Fees may be paid by bank transfer (details available from the parish office), or by cheque/cash direct to the parish office.