

FAQs | Weddings at St Mary's

Q: Can I get married at St Mary's Church?

A: You are eligible to marry at St Mary's if either one of you currently lives in Sholing Parish or has a 'qualifying connection'.

Q: What is a 'qualifying connection'?

Some examples of a qualifying connection are:

- if you or your parents have lived in Sholing Parish for at least 6 months;
- if you or your parents have regularly gone to normal church services at St Mary's for at least 6 months;
- if you were Christened or prepared for Confirmation at St Mary's;
- if any of your parents or grandparents were married at St Mary's.

You will need to provide documentary evidence to support your qualifying connection. Although these are the most common connections, there are others ways of qualifying; if you think you have a connection, please ask us, or visit www.yourchurchwedding.org to find out.

Q: I grew up in Sholing but have moved away, can I still get married at St Mary's?

A: If you have ever lived in Sholing Parish for at least 6 months, you have a qualifying connection to St Mary's Church. However, you will need to be able to provide proof of address to support this connection.

Q: I've been married before, can I still get married at St Mary's?

A: We realise that some relationships don't turn out as hoped, and we will sensitively consider your request and your options with you. For more information about marriage in church after divorce, please contact us on 023 8044 8337, or download a leaflet: www.churchofengland.org/media/1162432/leafletforenquirers.pdf

Q: How much does it cost to get married at St Mary's?

A: In 2013, the cost of a wedding at St Mary's is £511.50 (which includes the services of the organist and vergers, heating costs, and your wedding certificate). The church choir is also available for an additional £45, while a permit to video your service costs £75.

Q: How do I book my wedding?

A: We would be delighted to help you arrange a booking – please contact the church office on 023 8044 8337 or via the contact page on our website: www.sholingchurch.com