

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND



Getting Married in



Williamwood Parish Church



Thank you for thinking about getting married in Williamwood Parish Church. This leaflet is designed to help you with some of the things that you will need to consider.

Legal aspects

Church weddings have full legal recognition in Scotland and you will not need to have a separate civil wedding but no matter what church you chose to marry in you will need to comply with all the civil requirements and to produce to the minister a Marriage Schedule before the marriage can take place.

This needs to be ordered 4 weeks before the wedding or 6 weeks if either of you have been married before.

For weddings in Williamwood, you should contact:

Registration Service Eastwood

East Renfrewshire Council HQ, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, East Renfrewshire. G46 6UG

Email Registration Service

Tel: 0141 577 3008

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm Telephone Hours: 8am - 6pm

Remember: No schedule, no wedding!

A church wedding

You do not need to be a member of the Church to get married in a Church of Scotland building, but marriages will be carried out at the discretion of the minister.

Williamwood Parish church offers the service of hosting the wedding, the Minister to conduct the wedding and provision of a framework for the service.

So how do we go about it?

The first contact should be with the Minister to check not only on their availability but also the availability of the church on the date you're thinking about.

You should also at this stage check the availability of the church organist if you require their services.

Next steps

The Minister will arrange to meet with you to discuss the details of the wedding and to plan the ceremony with you.

There are many options to consider and the Minister will guide and advise you as to how best to devise a ceremony that reflects the way that you want your wedding to be.

Flowers in the church

We understand that you will probably want to decorate the church for your wedding. Access to the church to do this should be arranged with the wedding church officer. Flowers and other decorations should normally be removed from the church after the ceremony unless special arrangements have been agreed.

On the day

Ushers – should arrive at the church at least half an hour before the wedding to welcome guests and hand out orders of service.

Photography/Video – the taking of photos during the service should be discussed with the minister conducting the ceremony.

What does it cost?

Use of the church - £150.00 to non-members. Members and adherents can make a donation if they wish.

Minister – the services of the minister are provided free of charge.

Organist - £80 but £160 if a CD/DVD is being made because of the copyright legislation. Fees should be paid direct to the Organist prior to the start of the service.

Church officer/sound system: £50.00 is suggested as an appropriate discretionary payment to each of these people.

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Minister: Rev Jan Mathieson 0141 579 9997

Wedding Church Officer: Margaret Robertson 0141 321 8033

Church Organist/Musician: Sarah Alexander 07966916325