



*As you leave  
we love to see your  
friends throw rose  
petals or confetti  
of the soluble  
kind in the  
churchyard.  
And when you  
reach the gates  
we can organise  
the traditional  
welcome from  
some children  
who will have tied  
them together.*

*They will want you  
to buy some  
scissors to escape,  
so the groom  
better have some  
cash in his pocket:  
no phone or card  
payments taken!  
Scrabbling for the  
coins makes for  
some happy  
youngsters, while  
you cut their  
knots having tied  
your own inside  
the church!*



*Welcome  
to your wedding at  
St Martin's Church  
North Nibley*



Many marriages in England still take place before God in the traditional setting of a Church of England church. You're welcome to marry in church whatever your beliefs, whether or not you are baptised and whether or not you go to church.

Getting married in church is a sign to your friends, family, and most importantly to each other that you are ready to make a public declaration of love and commitment in front of those who love you and are part of your life together, including God.

During the service you will make vows promising to love each other throughout your lifetime and stick together through thick and thin. The priest will ask for God's blessing on your marriage and there will be readings, hymns, prayers and probably a short talk.



You'll find everything you need to plan your church wedding, from the legal aspects of marriage to a ceremony planner, as well as many frequently asked questions on the Church of England wedding website:

[www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding](http://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding)



Of course our local priests will be only too willing to meet and to guide you through the procedures. They will happily advise you and help you to create a service that is meaningful and personal to you with your choice of hymns and readings.

The costs of a basic church wedding are set nationally, but you can add more by way of organist, choir, and bell ringers. You'll also be really amazed at the skills our own flower arrangers can offer. Photography and filming are welcome but the appropriate copyright & performing rights licences will be needed : we can tell you more.



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