



# Getting Married at St. Mary's, Horsell

## A Guide to Fees for 2025

*If you choose to marry at St. Mary's it will be a day that is very personal and special for you, but that need not mean you spend a fortune.*

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There is no doubt that the choices you make about your wedding day can make a huge impact on the total cost. Part of the cost of getting married in church will be the compulsory, nationally set fees, which everyone needs to pay. There are also a number of optional extras which you can choose to personalise your service according to your budget.

### Compulsory Costs

The compulsory fees are the same for every church. These cover the cost of the Vicar conducting your service, the use of the church, calling your banns, lighting and all administration connected with organising your wedding here at St. Mary's.

**For 2025 these compulsory fees are:-** **£581**

(this compulsory fee is made up of two parts:  
£544 for the service and £37 for having your banns read)

**To reserve the date and time of your wedding at St. Mary's please fill in the attached form and return this to the Parish Office with £60 as your advance part payment of these fees. The balance should be paid in the week before your wedding. Please make your cheque payable to 'Horsell PCC' or via Bank Transfer to CAF Bank Account No 00030023 Sort Code 40 52 40 (YOU MUST ALERT THE PARISH OFFICE WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR TRANSFER)**

*NB: Where one or both of you live in another parish, you will also need to get your banns of marriage read in your local parish church(es) in the three month period prior to your wedding. You will need to arrange this and you must give the Vicar here at St. Mary's the certificate(s) to show the banns have been read. You will need to pay your home parish church(es) a fee of £56 (this comprises £37 for the reading of the banns and £19 for issuing the banns certificate).*

*NB: If one or both of you is a non EEA national then you may also require a Common or Special licence to marry at St. Mary's. Please discuss the process and fee for this with the Parish Office.*

### Optional Extras

The compulsory fees do not include optional extras which you may well like to have on your wedding day. Please discuss which of these you would like with the Parish Administrator in our Parish Office.

**Verger** **£30**

We would strongly recommend that you have a verger at your wedding in order to ensure that the whole service goes smoothly. The verger ensures the church can be opened up early for your guests and that the church is tidy for your wedding. They can help with handing out Orders of Service, dealing with queries, put on cd's if needed, ensuring the church microphones are at the right level during the service, and any feedback problems quickly addressed, assist with disability access and guiding people to find their seats, the toilet and baby changing facilities. A verger is indispensable in freeing up the vicar to give their full attention to you and your wedding service.

## Heating

**£40**

St. Mary's is an old listed building which can be a bit chilly. The church is normally only heated for our Sunday services. It can therefore take a bit of heating to make it warm especially in Winter, Spring and Autumn. It shouldn't be necessary in the Summer.

## Organist

**£135**

An organist can play before the service as your guests gather, help make a grand entrance for the bride and also a joyous exit for husband and wife after the service. They can also support the hymns you choose to sing and play, if you would like them to, during the signing of the register.

## Fee for parking in Horsell Village School car park

**£40**

If your wedding is on a Saturday, or out of term time, then Horsell Village School is often able to make its car park available for your guests to use. This is very convenient as the village school is just across the road from St. Mary's. **We will provide the booking form but you must contact the school direct with regards to payment and availability.**

## Flowers (if using church arrangers) - two pedestals

**£200**

June Lock (01483 476443 email john.lock660@ntlworld.com) heads up our Church flower arranging team. They can assist you by arranging flowers in church for your wedding day and she will be happy to discuss your needs. You are, of course, welcome to use an external florist, but **we would be grateful if you could contact June anyway, so that she can ensure that any external florists you use understand what will be permissible in our lovely listed building.**

## Bells and bellringers (on Saturdays/other days)

**£180/£200**

Many people like to hear the Church bells rung joyously at the end of their wedding service to celebrate the great day. The cost for this reflects the fact that a whole team of bellringers needs to come together to do this and we would need to check their availability early on.

## Recording Services

If you plan to film or record your wedding service you may need to pay special licence, copyright, or performing rights fees. You will need to discuss these with the organist and Parish Office.

**Fees for Optional Extras should be paid in cash so that we can distribute the monies easily to all those helping out with your service. Flowers are able to be paid by direct debit along with the compulsory costs. We ask that you pay for each other extra using a separate envelope labelled clearly (e.g. 'verger', 'bells', 'choir').**

**Please hand these into the Parish Office in the week before your wedding.**

## Booking our Wedding at St. Mary's

<b>Bride's name</b>	
<b>Groom's name</b>	
<b>Wedding Date</b>	
<b>Wedding time</b>	

We attach a cheque for £60 made payable to Horsell PCC in part payment of the compulsory fees payable for our wedding, or have transferred the amount to your bank account.

We would like to book the following optional extras for our service:

<b>Required Optional extras for our service</b>	<b>Cost of this optional extra</b>	<b>Please tick which you would like</b>
Verger	£30	
Heating	£40	
Organist	£135	
Bells and bellringers	£180/200	
Flowers	£200	
Village School Car Park	£40	
Recording Services	Fee to be discussed	

Please return this completed form to St. Mary's Parish Office, The Vicarage,  
Wilson Way, Horsell, GU21 4QJ  
or email it to [stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com](mailto:stmaryshorsell@btinternet.com)