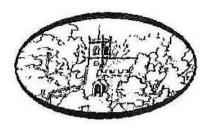
PARISH CHURCH OF ST LEONARD DOWNHAM



WEDDING INFORMATION



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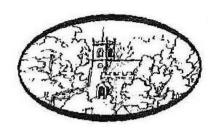
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THIS NOTE is designed to help and inform those hoping to marry at St. Leonard's Downham with some practical matters. If you have any questions please speak to the Vicar.

CAPACITY

The church can seat 100 people (50 on either side of the central aisle, 5 to a row.). We have padded (slightly) seats rather than pews, so it is not possible to fit more people per row. (It is possible to increase the numbers up to 150 by the hire of chairs from the Village Hall. See below)

LEVEL ACCESS

We have wheelchair access through the belfry door. Please notify the vicar in advance, if it is needed, to ensure that the door is unlocked.

ORDER of SERVICE

It is your responsibility to have these printed after your discussions with the Vicar.

MUSIC

Please discuss your musical wishes with the vicar. We have a competent organist (who works wonders with our beautiful old organ) and a small but tuneful choir.

If you would like your own organist or choir please speak to the vicar.

Bell ringers can usually be arranged for our 5 bells, however week day weddings can be especially difficult to recruit ringers for. If you wish to provide your own ringers please discuss the matter with the vicar.

We do not have a hearing loop or any sound amplification system.

CONFFETTI

To keep litter to a minimum we require that only real flower petals or biodegradable confetti are used, and that throwing be confined to the church yard.

FLOWERS

Apart from Advent and Lent when there are none, there are usually fresh Altar Flowers at St Leonard's. These are, typically, relatively simple arrangements of seasonal flowers and foliage. We are happy for you or your florist to decorate the church with arrangements and colours of your choice. We just need to know in advance, so please tell the Vicar. The flowers are usually left to decorate the church for the week, but feel free to take them away with you.

CAR PARKING

This can often cause problems as space is limited outside the church. We have a busy pub opposite and a beautiful village that can be a magnet for trippers on a warm summer's day. In addition to cars, the road is used daily by buses and the milk tanker, so inconsiderate parking can cause gridlock or damage.

Wedding planners might consider hiring the pub for refreshments (thus obtaining some additional parking spaces), hiring the Village Hall at the other end of the village (thus securing their large car park) or organising coach/mini bus transport for guests.

There is a public car park at the bottom of the village, but this too can quickly fill in fine weather.

The bigger the wedding, the bigger the parking problem. Spring and summer Saturday afternoons are the busiest times.

INSURANCE

The church is covered by Public Liability Insurance.

MOBILE PHONES

There is very limited mobile phone coverage in Downham, so do not rely on getting a signal for last minute calls.

TOILETS

The church has no toilets, but they are available for use by arrangement in the Assheton Arms opposite.

COSTS (2016)

Wedding Service including legal fees (Mandatory) £445 Verger (Mandatory) £25

Heating (Optional, but strongly recommended for all but mid summer weddings) £25

Organist (Optional) £100

Choir (Optional) £75

Bells (Optional) £100 Please note that bellringers are not always available, so be sure to ask for them as early as possible.

Additional chair hire (Optional) £100

All charges (less the "gate money" below) should be paid in advance to the Vicar in the form of a cheque made out to Downham PCC.

LOCAL CUSTOM

There is a long held tradition in the village that the church gate is tied up by the village children during the service. The bridal party is only "released" from the church yard by the groom throwing a handful of coins to the waiting children. A selection of £1s and 50p pieces are a suitable donation. Suggested total £20.

COLLECTION

We share the collections taken at Weddings between the Charity of the happy couple's choice and the running costs of the Church. Please let the vicar know which charity you wish to support.

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