

### How you may attach the flowers

they must be tied, or use appropriate 'Oasis' plastic clips.

### When you may place the flowers

on Saturday mornings

on Fridays BUT please make sure all is finished and you have left by 4 pm, when the Church will be locked overnight.

N.B. On a Friday, the Church may be needed for a Funeral Service: please check with the Parish Clerk Tel: 675797.

### What you MAY NOT do

- Put any flowers upon the Altar: those will be provided by the Church and its members, in memory of loved ones.
- Attach anything by using drawing pins or 'Sellotape'
- Decorate high places in the Church, for Health and Safety reasons.

### Music

Traditional music will be played before and after the ceremony unless you make arrangements with the Vicar to the contrary. Usually three hymns are sung. Try to pick hymns which will be known and consider reducing the number of verses of a long hymn. A list of suggested hymns is available from the Parish Clerk on request.

### Fees

*A non-refundable deposit (deductable from the fees) of £25.00 is taken when booking the wedding*

The fees change annually. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



### MARRIAGE BLESSING

Remarriages after divorce can be arranged and will be considered by the Rector. A service of Dedication after a Civil Marriage is willingly offered.

# St Peter's Parish Church, Kirk Onchan, Isle of Man

To be central to the life of Onchan,  
Providing a Christian Witness  
Worship and Welcome to all.



## Marriage

### A Guide for The Bride and Groom

**FAITH**

**HOPE**

**LOVE**



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## GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH

Marriage was created by God and is a gift from God. You are welcome to marry in church:

- Whatever your beliefs
- Whether or not you have been Christened
- Whether or not you go to Church regularly.

When you get married, you make a public declaration of life-long commitment to love each other faithfully, and take on a whole new responsibility as husband and wife. The ceremony bonds you together not just in front of family and friends, but in the eyes of God as well. Those who make their vows in front of witnesses and in the presence of God thus set their marriage within the context of his divine love, and recognise Him as the being and source of all love. The Blessing, which completes the ceremony, sets the seal, in offering thanks to God for the marriage and for His other gifts.

### WHAT TO DO

#### Contact the Parish Clerk

Contact the Parish Office to see when it is possible to book your wedding in at St Peter's Church.

#### Banns

Banns are announcements in church of your intention to marry and a chance for anyone to put forward a reason why the marriage may not lawfully take place. On these special occasions, everyone in your church will also be praying for you, so come along if you can. They are read on three consecutive Sundays.

#### Rehearsal

Near your wedding day, perhaps a day or two before, you will have the opportunity to rehearse the ceremony with those who are involved.

#### The Big Day

The Rector will do all he can to make the day a personal, meaningful and spiritual experience for you and your guests.

## RESIDENCY

One or both of you must establish residence within the Parish, or be members of the church electoral roll. If neither of you live in the Parish nor are members of the electoral roll, but do have strong links with Onchan, it may be possible to get married by licence. A form to apply for a licence can be obtained from The Parish Clerk.

### ON THE DAY

#### Order of Service

Most people have an Order printed although the Church service booklets are available.



#### Witnesses

Traditionally the Best Man and a Bridesmaid, but two other people may sign instead.

#### Flowers for your Wedding

Before making any arrangements, please speak with Mrs C. Sanders, Tel: 616125, who is also available most Saturday mornings in St. Peter's Parish Church at 10.30 am.

#### Where you may place flowers

- on the lower part of the screen
- on pew ends
- on window sills
- free-standing arrangements, by agreement.