

Music for *Your Wedding* at St George's

St George's has the finest organ and one of the best organists on the Isle of Man. Nicholas J Roberts has won the Guild more than once and been a runner up on occasion. So you can feel confident to choose traditional music for the entry of the bride and choose traditional hymns and know that it will sound glorious!

St George's is also unique among the island's traditional churches in having a very sophisticated Sound Desk. We can offer you the option to play music from a CD or we can create a Wedding Play List uniquely for Your Wedding and live stream music. *However, please remember that you will need the Vicar's approval, and we are unlikely to agree to anything with explicit words or a message which goes against our Christian teaching.*

We have large TV screens dotted around the church to which we can broadcast hymn words and video clips.

The Church of England Website is packed with ideas: <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

Music to come into and go out to

Some traditional favourites for the **Entrance of the Bride**:

Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Wagner (this is the traditional "Here comes the Bride" piece!)

Trumpet Voluntary, also known as the Prince of Denmark's March, Jeremiah Clarke

Trumpet Tune, Purcell

Canon in D, Pachelbel

St Anthony Chorale, Brahms

Salut D'Amour, Elgar – or it could be played while the guests are arriving

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J S Bach – another choice which could be played while the guests are arriving

Some traditional favourites for the **Wedding Party to Process from Church**:

Wedding March – Incidental Music No.9 from Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendelssohn (This is the traditional favourite)

The Queen of Sheba, from 'Solomon', Handel (sometimes called 'The arrival of the Queen of Sheba')

Trumpet Tune in D, John Stanley

Hornpipe in D, from Handel's Water Music

Canon in D, Pachelbel

Toccata from Widor's 5th Symphony in F – this works well on larger organs

Nun Danket (March Triomphale), Karg-Elert – also works well on larger organs

To be honest, apart from the first two in each list, these are pretty much interchangeable.

And you may of course, have live music streamed or a CD – but be sure to pick something you can walk in and out to with dignity! (The Vicar may have something to say about your choice, and you need their agreement).

Also, if you are singing a hymn, you will be paying the organist's full fee, so why not get your money's worth – and he is prepared and able to play modern and "pop" songs on the organ; one wedding had a superb organ version of Coldplay's "Paradise!"

Wedding Hymns and Songs

Most couples usually print the words in an Order of Service. At St George's we usually project the words onto screens around the church. Either way, you don't need to stick to one hymn book. However, most of the following are in St George's *Common Praise* hymnbook, and you may borrow a copy if you like, the hymn number in the books is printed in bold:

393 Brother, Sister let me serve you

175 Come down O love divine

433 Give me joy in my heart

494 King of glory, King of peace

81 Lord for the years

505 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

507 Lord of all hopefulness

516 Love divine, all loves excelling

519 Make me a channel of your peace

191 O thou who camest from above

546 O worship the King all glorious above

555 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

362 Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

589 The King of love my shepherd is

594 The Lord's my shepherd

609 To God be the glory

You might also like to consider these:

HON263 Here is love, wide as the ocean

MP988 How deep the Father's love for us