

BANNS / MARRIAGE APPLICATION FORM – THE BRIDPORT PARISH

Fill out ONLY the grey boxes if you are marrying in a different Parish

Return to: The Rectory, 84 South St, Bridport DT6 3NW

Ref. No.

Office use only:

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1^a Proposed DATE of marriage		1^b Proposed TIME of marriage			
1^c PLACE of marriage					
	MAN	WOMAN			
2 Name and surname <i>(including middle names)</i>					
3 Date of birth	Age:	Age:			
4 Condition (e.g. SINGLE)					
5 Occupation					
6^a Residence at time of marriage					
6^b Since when have you lived at this address?					
7^a MOTHER: <i>Name</i>					
<i>Occupation</i>					
7^b FATHER: <i>Name</i>					
<i>Occupation</i>					
7^c STEP-PARENT: <i>Name</i>					
<i>Occupation</i>					
8 Your Nationality					
9^a We certify that our answers are true & agree to pay a £100 non-refundable deposit when booking and balance of payment 30 days before the wedding.	<i>Please sign:</i> 	<i>Please sign:</i> 			
9^b Date when signing					
10^a Tel / Mobile No.					
10^b Email address					
11^a Have you been previously married?					
11^b If so, was the previous marriage terminated by death?					
11^c Are you related or connected by marriage? If so, how?					
12 Have you been baptised? If so, where?					
14 Which is your Parish Church?					
15 Please tick which of the following you will require at your wedding:	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Choir (if church has a choir)</i>	<i>Bells (if church has bells)</i> Before only..... After only..... Before & After.....	<i>Will hymns be printed in your Order of Service?</i> YES..... NO.....	<i>Will you have a Best Man?</i> YES..... NO.....
	Number of Bridesmaids	Total Amount of Wedding NB: this total may increase as fees change yearly	Date £100 Deposit Paid	For Clergy use: Date the balance was paid in full:	
£	Date Balance Due:	For Clergy use: Who's taking the Wedding?	For Clergy use: Couple's future address	For Clergy use: Publication of BANNS dates	

Please use BLACK ink and put a line through any box that is being left blank

Guidance for completing the BANNES / MARRIAGE Application Form

One person on behalf of both may complete this form. If the marriage is to take place in another parish, only the GREY boxes need to be completed.

Complete ALL boxes if the marriage is to take place in a Bridport Team Ministry church i.e. St Mary's Bridport, Holy Trinity Bothenhampton, St Mary's Walditch, St John's West Bay, St Swithun's Allington or Holy Trinity Bradpole.

At least seven days' notice is required before the first reading of banns. Banns have to be read on three Sundays before the marriage (within the three months leading up to the marriage).

(Section 3) If either of you will be under the age of 18 on the day of the wedding, and has not been widowed, the consent of parents or guardians is required.

(Sections 4, 11a, 11b) Your church wishes you a lifetime of love that grows within God's protection. But we recognise that some marriages do fail for all sorts of sad and painful reasons. So, in certain circumstances the Church of England accepts that a divorced person may marry again in church and this has been the case since 2002. Please speak to the Priest who will be officiating at your wedding.

(Section 6a) Include the town, county and postcode.

(Sections 7a, 7b and 7c) **Name, surname and occupation of mother, father or step-parent**
Each party can have up to four parents recorded. Where a parent is deceased the words (deceased) should be entered *after* the name. If any parent is retired, details of *their last occupation* should first be written then the word "retired" afterwards, this should be included even if the parent is deceased.

(Section 9) **Signing**

Once completed, if there are any discrepancies when the member of Clergy goes through your details with you, the form can be amended. The couple must sign in the spaces provided.

(Section 14) This means the Church of England parish in which you live. If either of you does not live in the parish where the marriage is to take place, you must arrange for the banns to ALSO be read in your own parish and obtain a banns certificate which is given in advance to the Priest marrying you.

Surnames should be in capital letters.

If no information is given, a line should be drawn in the space.

If handwritten, please use black ink and ensure distinct and clear handwriting.

Return of the marriage document

- An official **Marriage Document** will be prepared (pre-printed) based on the information you have provided on this Banns Form, which you will both sign on your wedding day. [The **Marriage Document** replaces the signing of Registers and the issuing of a Marriage certificate on your wedding day].
- The priest will post the signed **Marriage Document** to the local Register Office: **Dorchester Register Office, Dorset History Centre, Bridport Road, Dorchester DT1 1RP** (The Marriage Document will be posted on your wedding Day, or soonest thereafter).
- Once registered, *you (or your representative) will be able to obtain a marriage certificate* from this local Register Office i.e. **YOU** must contact the Dorchester Register Office 01305 225153 or email: registrars@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk to arrange this.