



Photographs and Videos at Weddings

Introduction

For most couples, the photographic record of their wedding day becomes a lifelong treasured possession. We want to help you achieve that. However, a church wedding is a formal occasion and a service of Christian worship, and the taking of photographs must not detract from that in any way. In order to keep the occasion special, the following rules apply. Those who do not keep these rules may be asked to leave.

General Rules

1. In general, anyone may take photos (or record video footage) before or after the service, inside or outside the church building, with or without flash or artificial lighting. However, the minister and vergers reserve the right to ask people not to do so.
2. **Only the official photographer and/or video-photographer may take photographs or footage during the service.** Any such photos must be taken without flash or artificial lighting, and only from a fixed point at the back of the centre aisle unless specific permission has been granted by the minister conducting the service.
3. The photographer and/or video-photographer may come into the vestry after the registers have been signed to photograph a mock signing, before photographing the bride and groom as they are leaving down the centre of church. Additional still photos may of course be taken after the guests have left, assuming another wedding is not delayed.

Additional note for video-photography

- Any music performed or sung during the service will have copyright restrictions, and the person making the video is responsible for paying the applicable copyright licensing fees. For more details, visit www.videollicence.co.uk or call 01323 436111.