

# ***A Guide to Weddings***



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*Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath*





**A wedding is one of life's great moments**, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship. God's blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children.

For Christians, marriage is a solemn public and life-long covenant between two people who love one another and who have made a very special decision about their future together. The marriage service marks that commitment in the presence of God and before witnesses.

### **What do I need to do to marry in church?**

If you are thinking about marriage in church, you should contact the Vicar in the first instance. A meeting will be arranged to talk about your wedding day plans and a Banns Form will need to be completed, providing information to be recorded in the Marriage Registers and on the Marriage Certificate.

It is important to arrange the date of your wedding as soon as possible! The date will be provisional until confirmed in writing by the Vicar.



### **The Reading of the Banns**

Your intention of getting married will be read publicly in church three times – called the 'Reading of the Banns' – to ascertain if there is any reason in law to prevent the marriage.

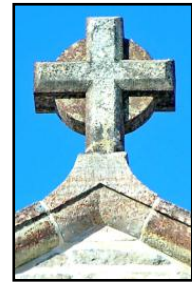
### **What if I don't live in the Parish?**

You may still be able to marry in our church. Speak to the Vicar at the earliest opportunity and we will do all we can to help.

## What happens next?

We will do all we can to make your day as enjoyable and relaxing as possible. We can help you with flowers, music, orders of service and the rehearsal.

You may find the Church of England's website useful for planning your day: [www.yourchurchwedding.org.uk](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org.uk).



## What costs are involved?

We have a set fee for the wedding service, as well as the optional extras such as flowers, and so on. Fees can be paid by cheque at least three weeks before the wedding, or in cash at the rehearsal.



## The Big Day!

You have planned and rehearsed, and now the big day is here! Remember to keep to time, as there may be other weddings after yours.

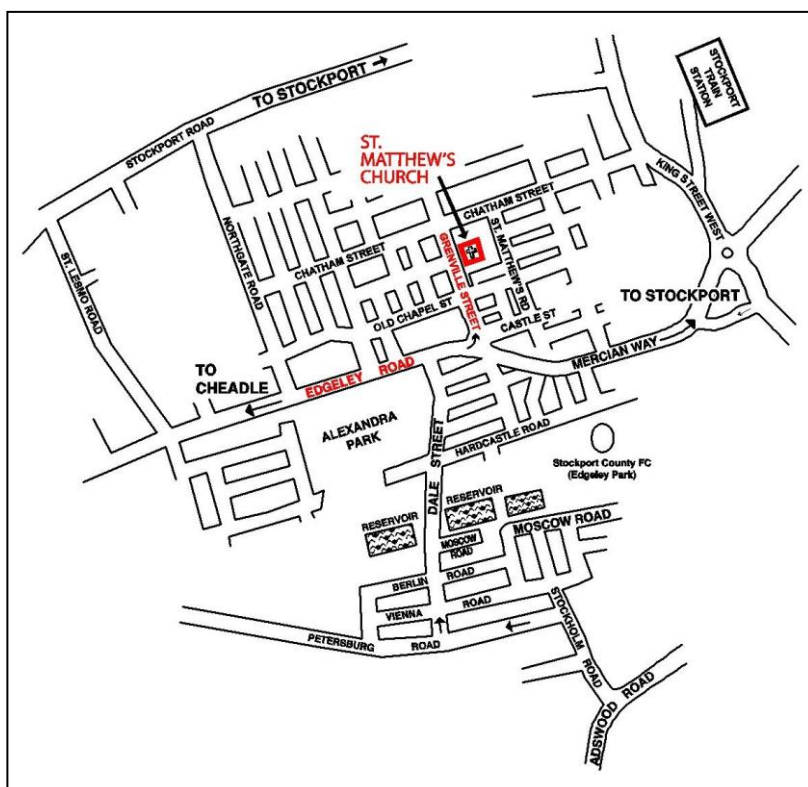
We hope you have a very special and memorable day.

## Weddings

Weddings take place at St Matthew's Church, Grenville Street, Edgeley, by arrangement. You can have a chat with the Vicar any Saturday morning at our Saturday Café between 10.30am and 11.30am.



## Where to find us...



We hope you find this guide useful. If you have any further questions, please contact Revd. David Brewster

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