

APPLICATION FORM WEDDINGS 2023-24



Congratulations on your engagement!

We are delighted that you are considering getting married at St Mary de Haura.

Please complete this form in as much detail as possible, paying close attention to the guidance notes at the bottom of the page.

*Once completed, please bring along a hard copy of the form **along with proof of nationality** (see below) to our monthly Vestry Hour, which takes place **in church on the first Saturday of every month, 10.00am-12.00noon.***

If you require any further support or guidance, please contact the parish office: 01273 440202; smdh.office@gmail.com.

	GROOM	BRIDE	note
Full name			1
Current address including postcode			
Address since			
Telephone			
Email			
Date of birth			
Occupation / profession			
Have you been married before?	Y / N	Y / N	2
If yes, is your previous partner still living?	Y / N	Y / N	
Do you have either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British citizenship • Irish citizenship • EU Settled Status 	Y / N	Y / N	3

Preferred date for wedding:		Preferred time:	
Do you live within one of the following parishes: (see note 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Mary de Haura, New Shoreham • The Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach • St Nicolas Old Shoreham 		Y / N	4
If 'No', what is the parish in which you live?			
Is your address due to change between now and your wedding? If so, please indicate your new address.			

1. For legal reasons a full name is required. If you have a preferred name which is different, indicate this in brackets.
2. It is possible to be married in the Church of England after having been divorced, even if your previous spouse is still living. The minister will however need to have a conversation with you to establish the circumstances of your divorce before proceeding further. You will also need to provide **a copy of your decree absolute (final order)** with this form. Please do not take offence at this.
3. All couples wishing to be married in the Church of England must provide proof of nationality (ideally a passport) at the point of making their enquiry. **Please therefore bring both your passport and a photocopy to Vestry Hour.**

If at least one party to the marriage does **not** have either British or Irish citizenship (or EU Settled Status) then a different legal process will need to be followed. The minister will advise you on this alternative process.
4. To check which parish you are resident within, enter your postcode on the CofE Parish Finder: www.achurchnearyou.com

QUALIFYING CONNECTION

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Please tick all that apply to at least one of you

*Nb. For our purposes, 'the parish' means ANY ONE of the following parishes: i) St Mary de Haura, New Shoreham;
ii) The Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach; iii) St Nicolas Old Shoreham*

I have lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months		I was confirmed in the parish	
I was baptised (christened) in the parish		I have attended church services in the parish regularly for a period of at least 6 months	

If none of these connections apply, please tick if either of the following applies to any one of your parents:

they have lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months		they attended church services in the parish regularly for a period of at least 6 months	
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Finally, if none of above apply, please tick if the following applies to any one of your parents OR grandparents:

they were married in the parish	
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FAMILY INFORMATION

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	GROOM	BRIDE
Father's name		
Occupation / profession		
Deceased?	Y / N	Y / N
Mother's name		
Occupation / profession		
Deceased?	Y / N	Y / N
Parent's name <i>(if applicable – see note 6)</i>		
Occupation / profession		
Deceased?	Y / N	Y / N
Parent's name <i>(if applicable – see note 6)</i>		
Occupation / profession		
Deceased?	Y / N	Y / N

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Please give a brief explanation (2-3 sentences) of why you would like to be married in church.

5. In order to be married in a Church of England church, you must have a 'qualifying connection' that makes you eligible. For further details, visit: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/your-church-wedding/just-engaged/finding-church-your-wedding>
6. If your application to be married at St Mary de Haura is successful, we will need details of your parents in order to complete the legal paperwork. Please note that 'parent' can include both parents and step-parents (hence there are up to four spaces).
7. This question is not a test! There is no 'right' answer. The minister will however want to have a brief conversation with you about your reasons for getting married in church, in order to get to know you better.

WEDDING PLANNING MEETING

If you are application to be married at St Mary de Haura is successful, you will be sent a **wedding pack** giving details of the different elements of the service (e.g. hymns, music, readings). You will be asked to read this pack carefully and to consider your choices. Once decided, you will meet with the Vicar in church again for a wedding planning meeting, in which the details of the order of service will be finalised.

Wedding planning meetings take place regularly throughout the year from 10.00am-12.00noon on a Saturday morning. Please indicate below your preferred date to attend:

Saturday 18th February 2023
Saturday 21st October 2023

Saturday 20th May 2023

Saturday 15th July 2023

Saturday 17th February 2024
Saturday 19th October 2024

Saturday 18th May 2024

Saturday 20th July 2024

All couples due to be married at St Mary de Haura are also asked to attend a short series of marriage preparation sessions. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet other engaged couples and to think together about the adventure of married life. You will be contacted separately about these sessions.

FINAL SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY MINISTER

Checked details and address?		Notes:			
Checked QC?		Notes:			
Checked family information?		Notes:			
Checked and photocopied ID?		ID evidence form completed and attached?		Legal preliminaries required:	

Date of wedding:		Time:			
Banns date 1:		Banns date 2:		Banns date 3:	
Which church(es)?		Which church(es)?		Which church(es)?	
Rehearsal date:		Rehearsal time:			
Minister responsible:					
Notes:					