

## **AWAY BANNS**

**i.e. Banns of Marriage for those getting married at a Church of England Church other than St Laurence.**

If you live in the parish of St Laurence Church you will need to get your banns of marriage read in St Laurence Church within 3 months of your wedding day.

To do this: -

1. Check that you really do live in the parish by typing your post-code into [www.achurchnearyou.com/parishfinder.php](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/parishfinder.php)
2. Make an appointment to see our Parish Administrator [enquiries@saintlaurence.info](mailto:enquiries@saintlaurence.info) or by phoning 0121 475 1518 (If the answer phone is on please leave a message, including your address and phone number spoken clearly) in the Parish Office in the Pastoral Centre. She is normally in the office Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am – noon
3. You need to bring the specified evidence of who you are and your nationality – see below
4. There will be a fee to pay to cover the cost of reading the banns and providing you with a certificate. It is currently £51 (2023). It normally goes up by a small amount on 1 January each year. Cheques should be made payable to St Laurence PCC. You can also pay by bacs:

Account Name	St Laurence PCC
Account Number	00095606
Sort Code	40-52-40
<b>Reference</b>	<b>BANNSdateof wedding</b>

5. Try Come and hear your banns read in church on at least one of the three Sundays. We normally read the banns on the first three Sundays of the month two months prior to your wedding day e.g. if you are getting married in September we will read your banns on the first 3 Sundays of July.
6. Arrange to pick up your banns certificate after the final reading of the banns from the Parish Office. You won't be able to get married without this certificate!

# Marriage by banns - Specified evidence



All couples wishing to be married in the Church of England by banns must provide original identification documents sufficient to evidence their nationality to the member of the clergy responsible for publishing the banns. We also need to see proof of your current address.

## Proof of UK/Irish Nationality or Settled Status for EU Nationals

### Option 1 – Passport, Certificate of Registration/Naturalisation/Evidence of Status

a valid (current) UK / Irish passport;

**OR** Certificate of Registration/Certificate of Naturalisation as a British Citizen from the Secretary of State plus proof of current use of name;

**OR** For those with Settled or Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme: A Share Code issued from [www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status](http://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status) . This code is valid for 30 days. Or an email to our Church Office from the church where the wedding will take place, confirming they have checked your status.

*If both of you can show us one of these documents, the only other thing we need is evidence of your current address. If not, you need to bring the documents described below.*

### Option 2 – for anyone without a passport and born before 01/01/1983

a UK birth certificate

**AND** proof of current use of name (see list below)

### Option 3 – for anyone without a passport and born on or after 01/01/1983

a full UK birth certificate (i.e. a birth certificate that shows parents' full names)

**AND** proof that one parent was a British National or proof that they had indefinite leave to remain in the UK at the time of the person's birth (e.g. parent's UK birth certificate from before 01/01/1983)

**AND** [if relying on the father as the British National] the parents' marriage certificate

**AND** proof of current use of name (see list below)

## Evidence of current address and current use of name

Please bring one of the following with your name and current address on it

- Utility bill (from last 3 months)
- Bank or Building Society statement (from last 1 month)
- Council Tax bill (from last 12 months)
- Mortgage Statement (from last 12 months)
- Current Residential Tenancy Agreement;
- Valid full UK Driving Licence or provisional Driving Licence.

### Change of name

If either of you has changed your name from that shown on any of the above documentation, you need to provide evidence of the change (e.g. deed poll, previous marriage certificate, decree absolute).