

## St John the Baptist Parish Church, Dronfield – Wedding Music Guide

Dear Wedding Couple,

Please find below some guidelines to help you choose the music for your wedding.

So I can plan and organise your music as you would like it, **please return your completed Wedding Music Form to me at least six weeks prior to the date of your wedding.** Please can you either:

(i) Email it to me at [robert.aldread@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.aldread@btinternet.com) (I can send you an electronic Word file to complete if you send me an email and ask for it); or

(ii) Post it to me at the following address:

Dronfield Parish Church Office  
21 Church Street  
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If you'd like to discuss any aspect about your wedding music requirements, please feel free to email me at [robert.aldread@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.aldread@btinternet.com) or call me on 07969 663584.

I will do my best to meet all your musical ideas and preferences, but I can't guarantee to be able to meet each and every request. If you're in any doubt, please do check with me, certainly prior to the ordering and printing of any orders of service. There is a CD player and sound system in the Church so it is fine for you to have recorded music played if that is what you would like.

I recommend that you consider requesting to book the Church Choir to sing at your wedding; my experience is that most wedding congregations do not join in with the singing and having the Choir prevents a potential anti-climax in your service. If you have the Choir, they will also sing a hymn of your choice during the signing of the registers. There are currently about twenty people in the Choir, though the usual attendance at a wedding is about 10-12 depending on work and holiday commitments. As a general rule, the Choir is unavailable for weekday weddings, but please contact me and I will see what might be possible.

Please find below some suggestions for your wedding music. The lists are by no means exhaustive, but they contain the most popular choices from the past few years. Should you want any of these pieces, then there is no need to check with me, as I already know and have copies of the music for all of them.

Music for the Entry of The Bride:	The Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin" (Wagner)*** Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke) Trumpet Tune in D (Purcell) Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (Handel)
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Music for the Exit of The Bride & Groom:	Wedding March (Mendelssohn)*** Prelude to a Te Deum (Charpentier) Hornpipe from The Water Music (Handel)
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\*\*\* These are the "traditional" pieces.

Suitable Hymns: Angel voices ever-singing  
Come down, O Love divine  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
Give me joy in my heart  
Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise  
I vow to thee my country  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Lord of all hopefulness  
Love divine, all loves excelling  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Morning has broken  
O Jesus I have promised  
O perfect love  
O praise ye the Lord  
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
The King of love my shepherd is  
Thine be the glory  
We pledge to one another  
Ye holy angels bright

I don't mind looking over a draft of your order of service prior to printing and that means we can check that the words of the hymns match with our hymn books that the choir would be using to sing from! **In any event, please can you send me a copy of your Order of Service at least two weeks before your wedding (an electronic copy by email is fine).**

I hope this guide helps you to complete your Wedding Music Form. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything.

King Regards



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