

CONFETTI

Please note that the **ONLY** confetti that is allow in our Churchyard and grounds is the bio-degradable type and we prefer flower petals. On no account are the plastic varieties of confetti to be used. Please advise your guests of this otherwise a fee may be charged to clear up the mess after the event!

FLOWERS

Please note that the only flowers provided by the parish will be the normal Sunday arrangements. Our flower arrangers are happy to help in any way that they can. If you want something special we suggest that you arrange for a local florist to decorate the Church for you. One arrangement must be left in Church for the Sunday morning service.

FEES for 2016

The fees for a wedding in Chase Benefice are as follows:

Church and legal fees	£442
Verger	£30
Additional Heating	£35
Marriage Certificate	£4.00 each
Organist*	as a guide between £125
Bells	£150

These fees go nowhere to maintain our beautiful and historic buildings. We therefore ask you to give a substantial donation towards the upkeep of the Church so that in years to come others can celebrate their marriages here too. An average donation in recent years has been between £300 – 500. This donation can be Gift Aided, therefore allowing us to reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue.

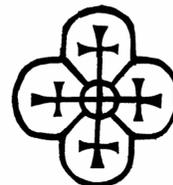
We require all fees to be paid in full before the rehearsal. If the you are paying by cheque it should be paid at least three weeks before the date of the wedding

* When the service is videoed the organists fee doubles. This is a performance rights fee.

AND FINALLY

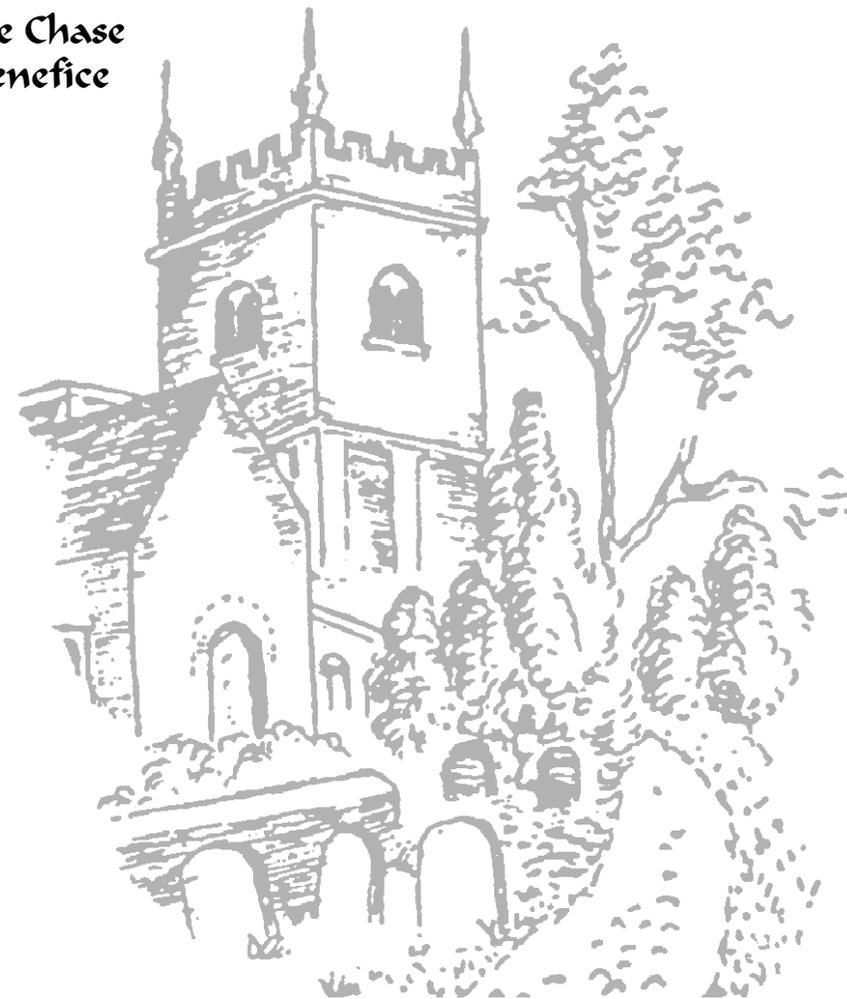
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. We are here to make sure your wedding service is a very happy event and we will be pleased to help in any way we can. We can be contacted after Church on most Sundays; by telephone on 01608 676572; or by email rector@thechasebenefice.org.uk

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**The Parishes of Chadlington,
Ascott-u-Wychwood,
Spelsbury & Enstone**

**The Chase
Benefice**



Wedding Information

Some practical notes

We are delighted to welcome you to Church and we shall do all we can to make sure your wedding is a very happy occasion. These notes will help you as you prepare for the wedding ceremony.

LEGAL PRELIMINARIES TO MARRIAGE

For us to be able to marry you in one of the churches of the Chase Benefice certain legal requirements have to be met. One of the following eight criteria must be met. That one of you:

- are resident in the parish or
- was baptised in the parish concerned or
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish or
- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

IF NONE OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA ARE MET...

...it is not impossible for you to be married in the Benefice. However, it will cost you more and you **must** have fulfilled one of the following requirements before the service can proceed:

- Attended worship in the Chase Benefice at least once a month for six months, therefore allowing you to qualify to join the Church's Electoral Roll and have Banns called.
- Obtain a *Common Licence* as a result of one of the applicants becoming resident in the parish in which the marriage is to take place for not less than fifteen days. Once issued, the Licence is valid for three months. Such a Licence can be obtained from either the Diocesan Registrar (16 Beaumont Street, Oxford. OX1 2LZ Tel: 01865 29714) or a local Surrogate.
- Obtain a *Special Licence* from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Faculty Office. To do this you will have to successfully argue a case for your marriage to take place in a church other than your own. The cost of this is around £150.
- Obtain *Superintendent Registrars Certificates* from Registry Offices: one from the 'home' registration district (e.g. London) and one from the 'away' district (e.g. Oxford) – the latter requiring the applicant to obtain residence of seven days.

The benefice clergy will talk through these requirements with you at interview.

BANNS

You must make sure your Banns are read in Church where you are marrying and in the parish in which the other partner lives. They must be read in the Church of England parish whether or not you are a member of the Church of England. It is part of the legal requirements before a marriage can take place. It takes three Sundays for the Banns to be read, after which you collect a certificate from the church and bring it to us. (You can bring it to the rehearsal. Do not forget; without the certificate we cannot proceed with the wedding). There is a nominal charge for the certificate.

PREPARATION

The benefice clergy take preparation for marriage very seriously – we feel that helping you build strong foundations for your marriage is the best gift we can give you! We will arrange to meet with you at least twice and as part of this we will help you plan the service carefully.

VIDEOS & RECORDINGS

A video may be allowed after you have signed an agreement not to broadcast or to use the video commercially. The operator can stand at the back or to one side near the front. The operator must follow the guidance of the minister and must not move around during the service, or use lights. The operator should be in possession of a licence from the Mechanical Copyright Protection Society. It may be necessary for you to obtain a Wedding Video-Recording License. You can obtain details from www.videolicence.co.uk. The cost of a licence is between £15 - £75 depending on the type of music you are having.

YOUR WEDDING DAY

The bridegroom should be in church 15 minutes before the service begins. The bride should arrive not less than 10 minutes before we begin to have a photograph taken. It is most important you arrive on time! The clergy and organist will almost certainly have other engagements. For this reason, for every 10 minutes you are late, we will have to omit one of your hymns.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Official photographer may take photographs in church if he does not use a flash. The minister will guide him or her in this. Other photographs are not allowed because they can spoil the service. Do please tell your family and friends they must not use flash photography during the service.