

# MUSIC FOR YOUR WEDDING AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BRAMCOTE

## CHOOSING YOUR MUSIC

We hope that you find choosing the music for your wedding an enjoyable experience. Your choices are likely to be very personal selections, perhaps based on favourite pieces or songs that already mean a lot to you, or music that you have researched specifically for the ceremony, or perhaps enjoyed at another wedding.

However, it's always advisable to speak to our Organist and Choirmaster, David Hanford at an early stage in your considerations so that he can advise, from experience, on practical issues that can make a huge difference to the enjoyment and effectiveness of your final choices. David is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists and has played at hundreds of weddings, so should be able to provide you with useful advice on what, in his experience, works well.

Things like whether the bride's entry music is of an appropriate length and if the choices are suitable for playing on the organ are important considerations for early discussion. Have you invited some good singers as guests, or would the hymns and songs selected sound much better with the involvement of our church choir? Are there to be any guest soloists or instrumentalists invited to perform and how are they to be accompanied?

David is always very happy to meet with you at church to discuss your music selections and to play over possible choices on our organ so that you have a clear idea of what they sound like in our church building.

## TIMESCALE FOR MAKING YOUR CHOICES

It's probably never too early to be getting some initial thoughts together on music choices but, by around three months before the ceremony, you should be meeting with David to discuss initial selections. This should give adequate time for him to obtain any new music and prepare it for the wedding and for you to finalise your Order of Service. Although David will always do his best to accommodate your requirements, late selections and last minute changes cannot always be agreed to if there is insufficient preparation time.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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