

# Considering A Church Wedding?



Let us be at Your Service!



**Christ Church**  
Great Ayton



**St Oswald's Church**  
Newton under Roseberry



If you have decided to get married,

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

It's one of the most important events in your life and if we can help make it even more special with a wedding in either Christ Church or Saint Oswald's Church, then we will be delighted to welcome you.

Although everyone in England has a legal right to be married in their Parish Church (ie. The Church that serves the area where you live.), there are now growing options to be able to get married in other Churches where you may have a connection or can make one.

The options at the moment are you can get married in a Church if one of you:

- 1 lives in the parish
- 2 is on the church's electoral roll
- 3 has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- 4 has habitually attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months
- 5 was baptised in the parish
- 6 was prepared for confirmation in the parish

**or one of your parents; at any time after they were born:**

- 7 has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- 8 has at any time habitually attended normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

**or one of your parents or grandparents:**

- 9 was married in the parish.

**or:**

- 10 you have been granted a Special Licence.

If any of this seems confusing, it is! So please contact us and we can explain it.

**What if one of us is divorced, can we still marry in Church?** Divorce is a reality for many today, and whilst not wishing to undermine the life long vows made at weddings, the Church also recognises that the breakdown of a marriage is not an unforgivable sin, and dependant upon the situation, some second marriages now do take place in Church. If this applies to you, please do come and see me. I am usually **in Christ Church vestry every Friday from 6pm – 7pm**, or you can contact me direct at [revpev@btinternet.com](mailto:revpev@btinternet.com)

**Paul Peverell**, Vicar of Great Ayton with Easby & Newton under Roseberry

## But isn't a Church Wedding more expensive?

Actually, no. By the time you have hired a room at many hotels and paid for the Registrar to come out, you will have likely paid far more than for a Church Service.

Hear what some recent couples said about their weddings with us.

*"At every wedding we go to, people are still talking about our service! You said you wanted the service to be the highlight of the day and it was."*

*"Thank you to you and all who helped to make our wedding so special. Everyone said how much they enjoyed it, and thought it was very relaxed, welcoming and warm. What a wonderful way to start our married life together."*

*"Thank you for our beautiful wedding service. Even our friends from different faiths were really engaged with the service."*



Both of our Churches provide wonderful settings for your special day.

Christ Church, built in 1876, can easily accommodate 200 guests.





Saint Oswald's Church in Newton under Roseberry dates back almost 1,000 years. You make your vows underneath the Norman archway, having entered the Church by the beautiful lychgate. St Oswald's, nestling in the shadow of Roseberry Topping, provides a smaller more intimate setting with a maximum of 80 guests.



If you are interested in a Church Wedding, I would be delighted to meet with you and discuss the possibilities.

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