

The law prevents ministers of the Church of England from carrying out same-sex marriages. And although there are no authorised services for blessing a same-sex civil marriage, your local church can still support you with prayer.



Church of England ministers can not carry out or bless same-sex marriages, but your local church is still there for you. At any time you are welcome to come and pray with us, or ask us to pray for you. You might just need space for yourself to pray – some churches or cathedrals are left open at certain times so anyone can go in.

If you need a place to connect with God, worship, give thanks and join others in learning about the Christian faith, you will be very welcome at your local church. To find your local church details use the search box below.

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A cross on the roof of a modern church building

## Find your local church

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A vicar preparing the legal paperwork in the vestry

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A church with a square tower surrounded by blossom trees

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## Why marry in a church?

A bride and groom smiling at the front of church

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## Can I marry in a church?

Some confetti lying in the grass

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## **Mixed faith marriages**

Wedding rings in presentation boxes

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## **Your wedding and Covid-19**

Bride and groom signing the register with their son on his dad's knee

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## Your children are welcome

Wedding flowers with guests, the couple and the bridesmaids out of focus in the background

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## When can I marry in church?

The interior of a church with the couple making their wedding vows

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## More than a wedding venue

simple flowers in jam jars on the ends of pews

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## Booking a church

A vicar laughing with a wedding couple

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## Meeting the vicar

A bride and groom being blessed by a vicar

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## Seven steps to a heavenly wedding

Inside a church. A church window with a lit candelabra in front of it

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## Marriage after divorce

A white wedding car stopped by a lychgate

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## If you live abroad

A wedding invitation with pink heart confetti on it

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## **Information for foreign nationals**

A bride holding her bouquet

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## **Special licences**



A wedding ring resting on an open Bible

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## Common Licences

Looking up into a church roof

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## Do we need a marriage licence?

Some church flowers in focus in wider shot of church

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## Superintendent Registrars Marriage Schedule

A close-up of a couple holding hands

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## The cost of church weddings

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