

A Special Licence represents exceptional permission given by the Archbishop of Canterbury to get married in a particular place. It is relatively rare to require one.

A bride holding her bouquet

If you want to marry in a church outside your own parish, and genuinely feel that you have a connection that is not covered by any of the <u>legally-recognised connections</u>, then you may be able to apply for a Special Licence.

Another typical example of a case to apply for a Special Licence is if youâlld like to marry in the chapel of a school or college where you used to attend. Because theyâllre not parish churches, a Special Licence is required to make weddings legally possible there.

Talk to the vicar who should be able to help you with the application, which is sent to:

Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury

1 The Sanctuary,

Westminster

London

SW1P3JT

Tel: 0207 2225381

The fee for this will be around £325.

We want to help you find a way to marry in your preferred church but Special Licences are not automatically granted. Be sure to plan well in advance of your wedding to expand your options.

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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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A bride and groom smiling at the front of church

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Some confetti lying in the grass

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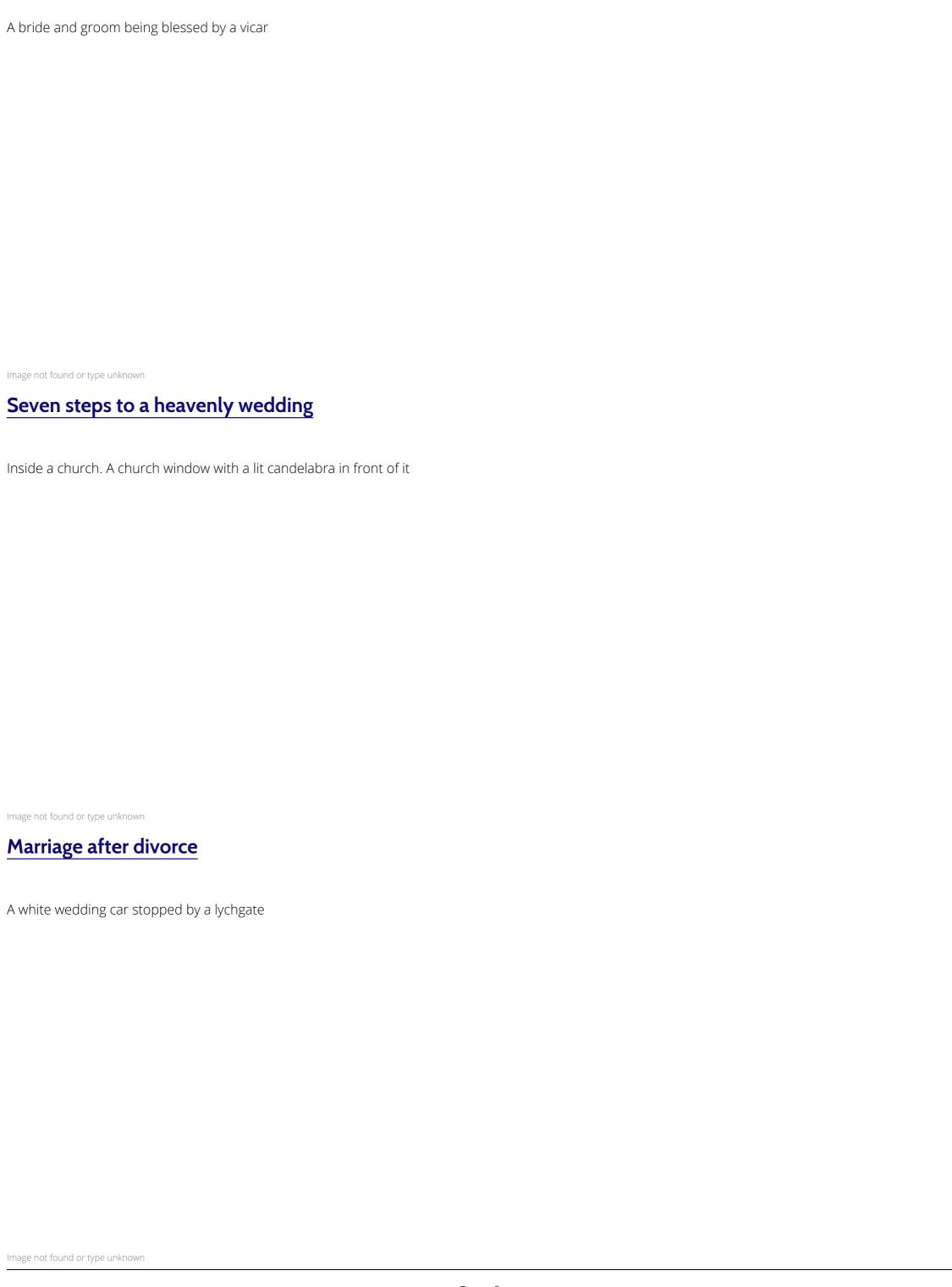
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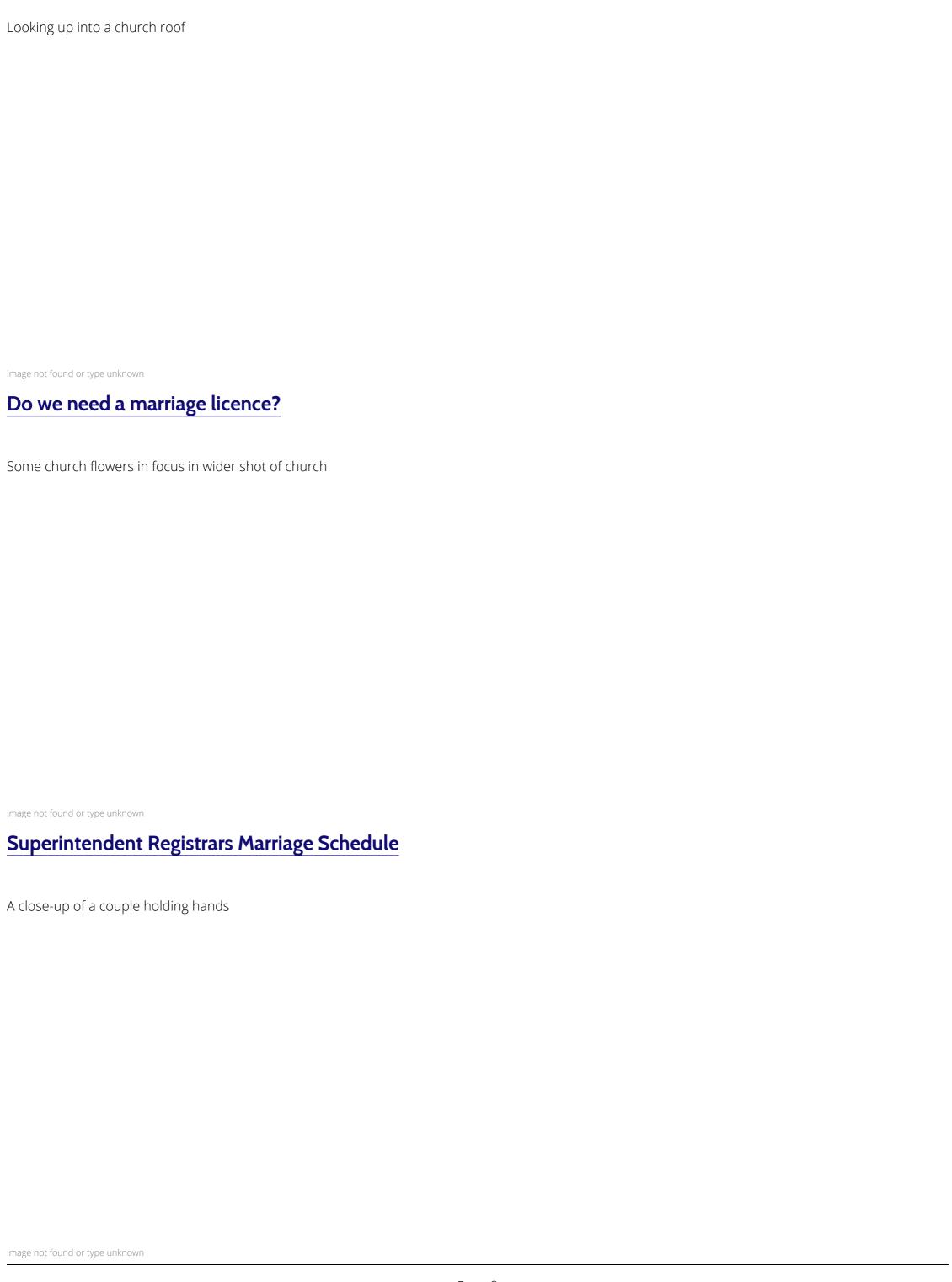
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