

You have choices in how your wedding ceremony shapes up, making it uniquely yours.

Painting of a cross on canvas in a modern abstract style

With the help of your vicar, you can make choices for your ceremony, such as:

- Which hymns youâd like
- What music youâd like to have playing as you walk in and leave the church
- Whether youâd like other music, like a CD played at certain points
- Which Bible reading(s) youâd like
- If there are any other readings or poems youâd like
- If you have any special requests for prayers
- If you have a special request for the âgiving awayâ part of the service [Read more on this.](#)
- You have choices about who does the readings and prayers, which can involve your family and friends.

There are more optional things which you may like to add to the basic service. These things will cost extra on top of the legal fee, and are charged at the churchâs local rate. They include:

- Whether you have the organist to support the singing of hymns
- Whether or not you have a vergers to support your guests and help with handing things out, or tidying things away
- Having the church bells rung at the end of the service
- Having flowers and flower displays provided by the church
- Heating âheating requirements can vary from one church to another depending on how large it is, or the time of year. Not all churches have modern heating systems, so whether or not you have heating, and how much you have, is your choice.
- Your vicar is trained and experienced to advise you on all of these things, and knows your church very well, so with their help, youâll be able to make choices that youâre all happy with.

To help with choosing hymns and readings, try the [Ceremony Planning tool](#).

Also in this section

A traditional hymn board inside a church

Hymns

A close up of the Bible open at 1 Corinthians 13 with a wedding ring on the text

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Bible readings



Countdown to your wedding ceremony

Wedding decorations: a bow tied to a pew end

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Ceremony planner

A couple and the vicar at a wedding rehearsal

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The rehearsal

A wedding photographer setting up a group shot

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Professional photography

The bride and her father walk down the aisle

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Walking down the aisle

A couple in church listening to the vicar

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Reading of banns

An open book on a table

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Additional readings

A bride and groom with singers behind them

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Other music

A bride and groom join hands in front of the vicar

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Wedding ceremony words

A couple standing at the front of church with guests watching on

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Wedding blessings

A couple making their wedding vows

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Wedding vows

A videographer filming a wedding in church

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Filming

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