

14. Music

Usually a Wedding service has two or three hymns. The first of which is known as the Processional Hymn. The Minister or Church Organist can assist you with choice of hymns. It is essential that the Church Organist is consulted regarding your choice of music. Any musicians or singers booked for your wedding must liaise with him/her also. We have a regular organist and the minister will ask you to contact her to discuss your choice of music. It is also important to check that the tune you have in mind is the same as the one that the Organist is familiar with. The Organist is usually available following Morning Worship on most Sundays. There would be an additional cost of £60 if you require amplification for instruments, audio visual, etc.

15. Are Photographs and Videos allowed in Church?

Guests are requested not to take any photographs inside the church until your service has ended and your Wedding Party proceeds to the main doors. Official photographs can be taken during the service. You will need to speak to the minister conducting the service with regards to video recording.

16. What About Confetti?

Flower petals or biodegradable confetti is permitted within the church grounds. Your co-operation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

17. Flowers

Floral arrangements can be displayed inside the Church. We do have some stands available. It would be much appreciated if some flowers could be left for the Church service on the Sunday following the wedding.

18. Vehicular Access to Church Grounds

The Church has a car park adjacent to the church for wedding guests. The wedding party can alight from limousines/cars at the entrance of the church, positioning on the main road.



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A WEDDING AT



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WISHING TO BE MARRIED

At Killearn Kirk we want your Wedding Service to be a happy and meaningful occasion and hope this simple guide will help to answer your questions and aid your planning.

The Minister and Kirk Session are happy to make the church available to any couple who wish a Christian Service.

1. Do we need to be church members to be married in church?

No. Membership is not a condition of marriage but an acknowledgement of the Christian faith is required.

2. Can I be married in another venue?

Yes, the Minister has indicated that he is happy to marry a couple in locations other than the Church, that are appropriate for the Ceremony, and within the Parish of Killearn.

3. Is it possible for divorcees to be married in church?

Yes. In the Church of Scotland those who have been previously married can be remarried. You will find that the Minister will not make an issue of the circumstance, but you must inform him of the position when you first discuss the wedding.

4. Is it wrong to be married in church if we do not belong to it?

If you have sufficient faith in the Christian doctrine to see your marriage as a God-given relationship and acknowledge the guiding role that God should have in your marriage, it is reasonable and correct that there should be a religious dimension to your wedding. Many couples opt for a Registry Office Ceremony/ Humanist ceremony because of a mistaken belief that it would be wrong to ask for a Church wedding. The Minister is willing to provide guidance to any couple who wish to discuss their potential arrangements about marriage at a venue within the Parish of Killearn.

5. What about couples who are living together?

The Church has always been in favour of life-long commitment in a formal marriage relationship. If you have been living together and have reached the point of wanting to formalise your relationship into marriage, you will find that this is the point from which the Minister starts.

6. Is the church suitable only for big weddings?

It makes no difference whether there are five people present or five hundred. The minimum is a bride, bridegroom, a Minister and two witnesses.

7. How do we arrange a wedding?

The Minister or Session Clerk may be consulted on most Sundays immediately following the 10.30am service. He/She will wish to speak to the couple and will want to meet them and discuss a Christian marriage on at least a couple of occasions prior to the wedding.

8. Officiating Minister

Should the Minister be unable to conduct your service personally, arrangements will be made for a colleague to deputise.



9. Readings. Poems , etc

A Bible reading is always part of a Christian marriage ceremony, and you may wish a friend or a member of the family to do the Bible reading. If a poem is to be read then we would advise that you discuss with the minister in advance to ensure that this is appropriate.

10. Reception

The Minister regrets that other commitments may prevent him from attending your wedding reception.

11. What does it cost to be married in Killearn Kirk ?

There is a nominal donation requested towards heating and lighting and also for a church officer to be on duty at the rehearsal and ceremony. For members of Killearn Kirk this will be £360 and for others £500.

Any further donations would be gratefully accepted towards the running of our Kirk.

The fee for the Organist is £100

An invoice will be sent one month prior to the wedding. It is preferred that the donation is made by BACS.

12. The Marriage Schedule

It is the responsibility of the wedding couple to obtain a fully valid marriage schedule from the Registration Authorities and present it to the Minister at the rehearsal in the church. The local Registrar Office is in Balfron and an appointment can be made by contacting 01360 440315

13. Rehearsal

A rehearsal for all members of the Wedding Party will be arranged between the wedding couple and the minister. This usually takes place the evening before the wedding ceremony.

The marriage schedule and order of service should be brought to the rehearsal.