ST. MARTIN'S EAST HORSLEY

Building Faith, Hope & Love

YOUR CHURCH WEDDING

You're Engaged! Congratulations to you both

At St Martin's Church we can help make your wedding and the start of your married life together, extra special.

JUST ASK

Getting married in church doesn't need to be daunting. The Church of England will marry you, whatever your beliefs and whether you are christened / baptised or not.

You also don't need to be a regular churchgoer to have a church wedding. And you don't need to become a regular churchgoer afterwards either (though you will always be welcome at St Martin's or your home church if you live outside the parish).

You can get married here if:

One of you lives in the parish, or is on the electoral roll

One of you has at any time lived in the parish for 6 months+, or has regularly attended worship here for 6 months+

One of you was christened/baptised, or prepared for confirmation in the parish

One of your parents has lived in the parish for 6 months+, or has regularly attended worship here for 6 months+

Either your parents or grandparents were married at St Martin's

If none of the above applies, you may still be able to get married here, so please just ask.

St Martin's is your church and we welcome you both. It will always be there for you, in the months and years to come.

Renos Pittarides, Rector of East Horsley

Area Dean, Leatherhead Deanery

YOUR WEDDING SERVICE

Guests, attendants, dresses, suits, menus and invites are all important aspects of your day but actually getting married is the basis for it all.

The legalities of the service are important of course, but spirituality is the reason why there is still a place for church weddings in today's modern marriages:

By seeking God's blessing for your life together in church, you recognize that he will support and help sustain your marriage during the years to come.

Making promises to each other in a hallowed place surrounded by your friends and family gives your wedding even more significance.

Our ancient, beautiful buildings give a sense of history and a path well trodden by many, many others.

Familiar wedding rituals of 'bride to the left, groom to the right' and walking down the aisle come alive in their original setting.

Choir, organ and bell ringing add to the sense of occasion.

IT REALLY IS YOURS

All church weddings will feel traditional in some ways because of the layout of the service and the building itself.
But they don't have to feel stuffy or formal.

Like the marriage going forward, the wedding is yours too. At St Martin's we understand that. We encourage you to put your own 'stamp' on your service so that it feels tailored for you both. You can choose:

- Your best-loved **music and hymns** – we have an experienced choir supported by a professional organist / pianist, or you may prefer to bring your own musicians.
- Your **readings and /or poems** – as well as a reading from the Bible you could have a family favourite or one which reminds you of your relationship. We can of course help you choose.
- Your **guests** – we can seat up to 200 people so you can invite as many or as few as you would like.
- Your **photos and film** – we help your photographer gets the memory shots you want without interrupting your service.

Making a booking – A member of the clergy team will meet with you to book your wedding, chat over the detail and answer all your questions. They will then invite you to a Marriage Preparation event so that you can meet other couples getting married at St Martin's and share ideas on the art of a 'good' marriage!

Date & time – we regularly perform weddings on all days of the week and will always try to fit in with your plans. However, we're a popular church, so please try and give us as much notice as possible.

Car parking – although we don't have our own car park, there is plenty of nearby street parking. Alternatively, if your Reception is taking place at Horsley Towers we are within easy walking distance.

Contact us – Reverend Renos Pittarides.
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If you'd like to take a closer look at St Martin's, why not come to one of our regular services to see the church in use.

SUNDAY SERVICES

08:00 Holy Communion

Start the day with a said Holy Communion Service. We use the liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer.

10:30 Parish Communion

with "Smarties" Children's Church.

10:30 Family Service

The 1st Sunday of the month. An informal service often with puppets and a talk for all the family. Music ranges from hymns to lively contemporary worship songs.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

10:00 Holy Communion.

A very popular mid-week service which takes place in the side chapel in the church.

SATURDAY SERVICE

08:45 Morning Prayer.

A short service of prayer using Common Worship Daily Prayer.

HOW TO FIND US

www.easthorsleychurch.org.uk