

arrive at church.

Photography And Video

We are more than happy for you to have photographs taken of your wedding. The only restriction we make is that no flash *photography* takes place during the actual service itself. It is also fine for you to have your wedding videoed although we have to charge an extra fee for this for copyright reasons.

Confetti

Confetti is absolutely fine at all weddings. The more the better, we think!

Parking

Parking is a problem at all three churches. If you think that you will have a very large number of guests then it is probably best we discuss this. It might be as well to warn your guests that they may have a bit of a walk to the church.

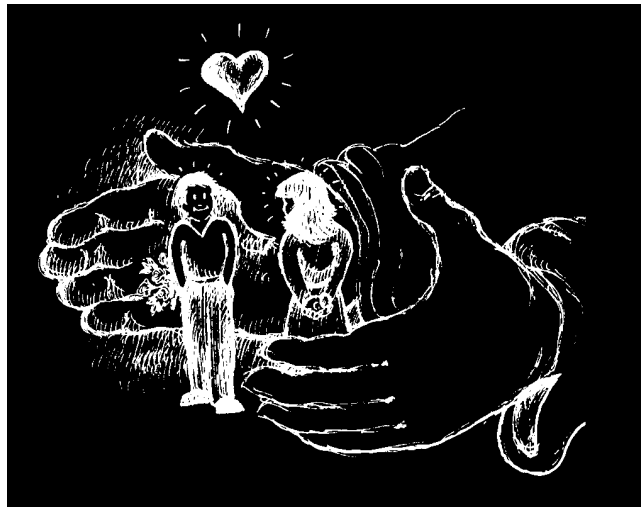
Witnesses

You will need to choose 2 *Witnesses* to sign your Wedding Certificate and the Wedding Registers. Traditionally, these are the Chief Bridesmaid and the Best Man. However it can be anyone who is present at the service, as long as they are over 18

and not your parents.

When you get married there is a lot to think about and a lot to do. I am here to help you and will do everything I can to make your wedding a truly wonderful day. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Revd Frank Coleman



Marriage At

**Northill, Caldecote
and Old Warden**



Thank you for showing an interest in being married in one of the churches of this Benefice. We will do everything we can to make your Big Day as special for you as possible. The process that we need to follow is fairly straightforward. In this leaflet you will find information regarding different aspects of your wedding day, which I hope you will find useful. I am not always easy to contact because I am out so much and I have no secretarial help, so it may be a number of days before I can return your call if you leave a message. Please feel free to contact me in either of the following ways:

Tel: 01767 315578

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General Info

To be married in one of the three churches of Northill, Caldecote and Old Warden it is necessary for you to have a residency qualification. This is normally obtained by one of you having lived in the parish for at least 3 months prior to your wedding. If you do not have this residency qualification it may still be possible for you to be married, but we will need to talk through some of the issues involved. Please do not make any other arrangements for your wedding until this matter has been resolved; I cannot guarantee that if you do not live in the parish that you will be able to be married here.

All 3 churches host a number of weddings each year and couples book up sometimes 2 or 3 years in advance. Do not assume that the date that you would like will be available. At this early stage, the most important thing is the date and the time of your wedding, which we must agree together. Please bear in mind that the summer months are always the most popular months for weddings and get booked up very quickly.

Cost

It is impossible for me to tell you exactly how much your wedding will *cost*. This will depend upon a number of factors, which we can talk about when we meet. At the moment the *cost* is between £350 - £400. The exact figure will depend somewhat on exactly what you want on your wedding day.

Music

You will need to consider what sort of *music* you would like for your wedding service. This mainly involves choosing 2 or 3 hymns and deciding which *music* you would like for the entrance of the Bride and when the Married Couple leave church. You may also like to have some special *music* for the Signing Of The Registers. If you have not got a clue about any of this when you receive this leaflet, do not worry; this is something that we can work out together. Neither Caldecote nor Old Warden have a choir available to sing at weddings. Northill church does have a

choir, which might be available. Talk to me about this and I will give you a contact telephone number.

Flowers

Generally speaking it will be possible for you to have the church decorated with *flowers* in any way that seems appropriate to you. There are certain times of the year, however, when this would not be possible. Arrangements for doing this vary at each of the churches and this is something that we need to discuss.

Orders Of Service

Nearly all couples, these days, have *Orders Of Service* printed for their wedding day. This is not something that we can do for you, but I can advise you on this matter. It is very important, that, before you go to print, I take a look at a draft copy of your *Order Of Service*, just to check that everything is ok. I will probably be able to give you samples to look at.

Ushers

As well as thinking about your Bridesmaids, Page Boys, Best Man etc, it will be necessary for you to choose at least 2 *Ushers* from amongst your families and friends. I will talk to you about what the *Ushers* have to do, but they are mainly responsible for looking after your guests as they