

## Music for your Wedding at St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield

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### Weddings from January –December 2019

Your wedding day is one of the most wonderful days of your life. It needs to be special for you both and your choice of music for the wedding service needs to reflect this. Please think very carefully about the music you both want at every stage of your day. I am happy to discuss the options with you and play through some of the music you may be considering. Please call or email me in plenty of time before your wedding and we can arrange a day and time for a consultation, usually after a Sunday morning service in church.



There are five points in a wedding ceremony where music is important. A different set of decision criteria exist for each:

- 1 Beforehand, as guests are arriving and socialising between themselves
- 2 Entry of the Bride
- 3 Hymns or Songs
- 4 Signing of the Register
- 5 Walking down the Aisle

#### **Beforehand**

This must be light, happy, upbeat, non-intrusive background music. Unless you have something specific in mind, the organist will play a suitable selection of pieces.

#### **Entry of the Bride**

This is a signal to the guests to stop talking, stand up and pay attention.

Some suggestions:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Bridal March        | Wagner (traditional)   |
| Trumpet Voluntary   | Purcell/Clarke/Johnson |
| Organ Voluntary     | Stanley                |
| Fanfare for a Bride | Rawsthorne             |
| St Anthony Chorale  | Haydn                  |

### **Hymns or songs**

Choose ones that will be known and sung by the majority of your guests.

Some suggestions:

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Praise My Soul the King of Heaven | Love Divine                     |
| Guide me, O thou great Redeemer   | O Perfect Love                  |
| Rejoice the Lord is King          | Jerusalem                       |
| All Things Bright and Beautiful   | Morning Has Broken              |
| For the Beauty of the Earth       | Come On and Celebrate           |
| Lord of All Hopefulness           | Give me joy in my heart         |
| Dear Lord and Father of Mankind   | You Shall Go Out with Joy       |
| The Lord's My Shepherd            | Shine Jesus Shine               |
| Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us   | Ye Holy Angels Bright           |
| To God Be the Glory               | Make me a channel of your peace |

### **Signing the Register**

The guests can relax for a few minutes and be entertained whilst you are taken up with this most important part of the day. If you have a friend with a beautiful voice this may be the point to ask them to perform. I can accompany them as long as this is arranged with plenty of notice. Some people have a string quartet or other musical ensemble playing, which they have also booked for the reception. If you are hoping to have a string quartet, I can recommend the Salisbury String Quartet run by Isobel Smith, which you can check out at <http://www.salisburystringquartet.co.uk/default.html>

You may have a piece of music or song on CD which means something special to you both, and this would be the point in the service to include it. Otherwise the organist will choose appropriate music to hold the guests' attention which can be of a classical nature or from musicals, films or popular songs according to your taste, played on the organ or piano.

Some suggestions:

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Selection from "The Water Music" | Handel               |
| Ave Maria                        | Bach/Schubert        |
| Jesu, joy of man's desiring      | Bach                 |
| Gymnopedies                      | Satie                |
| Canon                            | Pachelbel            |
| The Ashokan Farewell             | Ungar                |
| All you need is love             | Beatles              |
| Can you feel the love tonight?   | From "The Lion King" |
| A whole new world                | From "Aladdin"       |
| The wind beneath my wings        |                      |
| Moon River                       |                      |

## **Choir**

It may be possible to arrange for **YES!** (Young Etheldreda's Singers - our Junior Choir) to be in attendance for an **extra fee of £100.00** (each child receives a small payment according to their time and level of experience within the choir). They would be able to sing an anthem or song during the signing of the register and lead the congregation in the singing of the hymns. You can hear some recordings of them singing on our church website.

**Walking out down the Aisle** - this must sound triumphant and confident.

Some suggestions:

|                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wedding March                     | Mendelssohn (traditional) |
| Toccat                            | Widor                     |
| Pomp and Circumstance March no. 4 | Elgar                     |
| Toccat in 7                       | Rutter                    |
| Tuba Tune                         | C.S. Lang                 |
| Arrival of the Queen of Sheba     | Handel                    |

Alternatively, you may have something particular in mind that means something special to you both on this very important day. Please ask if that is the case, and we will do our best to arrange it, as long as we are given enough time to do so. **Please confirm your music choices with me on the form attached to this list, as soon as possible and at least eight weeks before the date of your wedding, so that music can be sourced, ordered and prepared.** If you would like to discuss your options further, please contact me. I look forward to meeting you and helping you to make your wedding day special.

## **Organist fees and Choir fees**

**These fees are to be paid directly to the church office.**

The organist will play for the hymns, your entry and exit music, before the service and during the signing of the registers. **£120.00\***

*\*These fees will be increased by £20 if any type of sound recording of the service is made and £40 if any type of video recording of the service is made.*

**If you have your own organist a basic £80.00 fee is still payable and contributes to the organ restoration fund.**

**YES!** (Young Etheldreda's Singers) **£100.00**

to sing an anthem(s) or song(s) before or during the wedding and to sing the hymns.

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