

# St John's Church, Knypersley & Christ Church, Biddulph Moor

## Banns of Marriage / Wedding Application Form

**Proposed date of wedding:**

**Time:**

*The following questions must be answered by the wedding couple themselves. Please complete in **black ink**, and in **BLOCK LETTERS**.  
\*\*\* If applying for the reading of Banns of Marriage only, complete the relevant sections marked with a tick (✓) \*\*\**

Required for Banns only		MAN	WOMAN
✓	Church you wish to be married at: <small>(See note 1 over)</small>		
✓	Christian (first) names in full		
✓	Surname (family name)		
✓	Date of birth		
	Age <small>(at date of wedding)</small>		
	Nationality		
	Occupation		
✓	Have you previously been married? <small>(See note 3 over)</small>		
	If yes, how was the previous marriage terminated?		
✓	Have you previously been in a civil partnership? <small>(See note 3 over)</small>		
	If yes, how was the previous civil partnership terminated?		
✓	Address (at time of Banns)  including postcode		
	Telephone number		
✓	Which is your parish church? <small>(See note 4 over)</small>		
	Father's Christian (first) names in full		
	Father's surname (family name)		
	Is your father still living?		
	Father's occupation <small>(See note 5 over)</small>		
	Do you wish to discover more about the Christian faith? <small>(See note 6 over)</small>		
	Are you related to one another in any way, or connected by marriage? If so, how?		
Your <b>Banns of Marriage</b> will be read at the 10.30am service on the following Sundays		✓ I hereby certify that to the best of my belief the answers to the above questions are correct  Signature <span style="float: right;"><small>(See note 8 over)</small></span>	✓ I hereby certify that to the best of my belief the answers to the above questions are correct  Signature <span style="float: right;"><small>(See 8 over)</small></span>
		Date	Date

*(For notes and additional information required see over)*

## **Congratulations on choosing to get married, and on opting for a church wedding.**

If you need help filling in this form, contact the Vicar Rev'd Darren Fraser 01782 512240  
The Vicarage, 62 Park Lane, Knypersley, Staffordshire, ST87AU.

This application should be returned at least 3 months before the proposed date of the wedding

### **Notes:**

1. You may get married in the church you regularly attend, or in a church of the parish where you live. If either of you live in a different parish, the Banns of Marriage need to be read in that parish too; you'll then need to obtain a Banns Certificate to say that they have been read there.
2. If either of you will not be 18 by the proposed date of the wedding, the minister will need to know that the consent of parents / guardians has been obtained.
3. No-one is allowed by law to marry if they are still married or still in a civil partnership.
4. Your parish church is the church of the parish where you live.
5. If your father is retired, write his occupation and add the word 'Retired'
6. As you prepare for your special, important and exciting day, please remember that we are concerned for your marriage as much as for your wedding – that's why we invite you to find out more about the Christian faith, not as some sort of insurance policy against difficulties in marriage but as a resource for investing in a **better** marriage.  
  
(Please be assured that the quality of our service to you is not dependent on you wanting to know more about the Christian faith.)
7. It is your responsibility to ensure the Banns are read in the appropriate churches and at the appropriate times (not more than 3 months before the wedding). When the Banns are due to be read, arrive in good time and check with the church minister that no-one's forgotten!
8. This is a legal document. The legality of your marriage depends on what you have told us. It is an offence to knowingly tell us wrong information.

## **A person has a Qualifying Connection with a parish if:**

that person:

- was baptised in the parish. (This does not apply where the baptism formed part of a combined service of baptism or confirmation); or
- had his or her confirmation entered in a church register book of a church or chapel in the parish; or
- has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or a Parent of that person has at any time during that person's lifetime:

- had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or
- habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or a Parent or Grandparent of that person was married in the parish.

In all cases involving church services - i.e. coming to/going to/attending normal church services, baptism, confirmation or marriage - this applies only to Church of England services