Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Maidstone

Marriage Application Form: Wedding here as the groom and/or bride’s parish church

A Warm Welcome - We are delighted that you wish to marry here.

The Vicar has a legal duty to be satisfied that you can lawfully marry in the parish church before the marriage can take place or a firm date and time can be fixed for it. To make this process as quick and simple as possible, whichever of you claims to have a connection with the parish is asked to complete this form and return it to the PCC Secretary: Eleanor Relle, 99 Tonbridge Road, MAIDSTONE ME16 8JN 🕿01622 679551; eleanorgrelle@gmail.com

PLEASE BEGIN BY READING THE FOLLOWING NOTES:

1. Please complete all four parts (A, B, C and D).
2. If you are not certain about how to complete any part of the form, please contact the Vicar for advice.
3. If

• either of you has been married previously, and your former husband or wife is still alive; or

• either of you is **not** a UK or Irish national;

please alert the Vicar to that as soon as possible, even before submitting the completed form, so that the special issues which arise can be considered without delay. Only UK and Irish nationals, or EEA citizens *with documentary proof of settled status*, may marry in church after Banns. The EEA consists of the countries in the EU plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

1. The Vicar is the person responsible for complying with the Data Protection Act 1998 (the data controller) in relation to the personal information you provide on and with this form. He will use that information to establish whether you can lawfully be married in the parish. When the Vicar has considered the completed form, it is possible that he may still need to ask you for some further documents or other information, or may need to ask someone holding an official position in the parish for further information in support of your connection with the parish. If any special issue arises in your case it is also possible that the Vicar may need to ask for advice on it from the diocesan legal adviser. However, if any of these become necessary, the Vicar will see that you are kept fully informed. He will share the information you have given only with those people who need to see it in order to provide the further information or advice described above.

# SECTION A – REQUEST TO MARRY IN CHURCH

Person completing form– please insert full names of yourself and your fiancé(e)

I, ...............................................................................................................................,

wish to be married to

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according to the rites of the Church of England in the Parish Church of St Michael & All Angels, Maidstone, by virtue of its being my parish church, or by my having a qualifying connection with the parish under the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008.

I confirm that the information and answers given in and supplied with this form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree that the information may be used for the purposes described in note 4 above.

Signed ......................................................

Date .............................................

# SECTION B – THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE

My fiancé(e) and I wish to be married at St Michael & All Angels’, Maidstone

I live in the parish of …………………………………………………………………………………………….

My fiancé(e) lives in the parish of

………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Our preferred date and time for the marriage would be:

Date:

Time:

*It is in your own interests not to make any booking for related events (e.g. reception venue, honeymoon) until the date and time of your wedding in church are confirmed.*

Dates for Banns, if not being married by licence or superintendent registrar’s certificate:

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| 1st Sunday: |   |
| 2nd Sunday:  |  |
| 3rd Sunday:  |  |

**SECTION C - GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FIANCÉ(E) AND YOU**

(Please complete in block capitals)

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| BRIDEGROOM - Full name:  |
| Present home address:  |
| Tel (day) | Tel (evening) | Tel (mobile):  |
| e-mail address:  |
| Date of birth:  | Age on wedding date:  |
| Nationality:  | Occupation:  |
| Father’s full name:  | Still living? Y/N |
| Father’s occupation:  | Retired? Y/N |
| Mother’s full name:  | Still living? Y/N |
| Mother’s occupation:  | Retired? Y/N |

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| BRIDE - Full name:  |
| Present home address:  |
| Tel (day) | Tel (evening) | Tel (mobile):  |
| e-mail address:  |
| Date of birth:  | Age on wedding date:  |
| Nationality:  | Occupation:  |
| Father’s full name:  | Still living? Y/N |
| Father’s occupation:  | Retired? Y/N |
| Mother’s full name:  | Still living? Y/N |
| Mother’s occupation:  | Retired? Y/N |

Are you and your fiancé(e) connected by marriage or related in some other way? Yes/No

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| If your answer is yes to this question, please give details here: |

Has either of you previously been married or in a civil partnership? Yes/No

If No, you have completed section C and may proceed to Section D on the next page.

If Yes, please complete Section C by answering the questions on the next page, and then complete Section D.

(a) When did the marriage/civil partnership end? (Give date)

(b) How did it end? e.g. divorce, annulment, death: supply documents:

(c) If divorce, is the other spouse/civil partner still alive?

**SECTION D – YOUR QUALIFYING CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH**

Please tick **one** of the following:

## 🞏 My fiancé(e) and/or I live(s) in this parish

## 🞏 My fiancé(e) and/or I has/have previously lived in this parish for at least 6 months

## 🞏 My fiancé(e) and/or I was/were baptized (christened) at St Michael & All Angels'

## 🞏 My fiancé(e) and/or I has/have been confirmed and my/our name(s) is/are entered in the confirmation register of St Michael & All Angels'

## 🞏 My fiancé(e) and/or I has/have regularly attended Sunday Mass at St Michael & All Angels’ for a period of at least six consecutive months

## 🞏 one of my/our parents, at some time after my/our birth, has lived in this parish for a period of at least 6 months

## 🞏 one of my/our parents, at some time after my/our birth has regularly attended Sunday Mass at St Michael & All Angels' for a period of at least 6 months

## 🞏 one of my/our parents or grandparents, at some time after my/our birth was married at St Michael & All Angels'

What documentary or other information do you have for the above qualifying connection?

(Enclose the document(s) with the form. The document(s) will be returned to you.)

**Certificate of Marriage**

Please note that from 4th May 2021, registration of the marriage takes place at the local Register Office, not as part of the wedding service. Instead, you, your witnesses and the priest will sign a Marriage Document. On receipt of that document, the State Registrar will register the marriage and you can then apply to the Registrar for a certificate. The priest can no longer issue any certificates for weddings conducted before that date.

**Banns**

Banns must be published (called) at the church where you are to be married, and, if either or both of you live elsewhere, in the that or those parish churches. You will need to make arrangements with the parish priest of that or those other parishes, and obtain a Banns certificate to give to the Vicar who is conducting your wedding. Banns are valid for 3 months from the 3rd “time of asking”. In case something goes wrong, you are advised not to have the 3rd time of asking on the Sunday immediately preceding the wedding.