

Marriage at Barlow church

The information on this page assumes that you are both UK citizens, and that neither of you has been married before. If this is not the case, contact me before making any other arrangements.

Getting married in any church means that you have chosen a religious service: the vows you make recognise Almighty God and Jesus Christ. You need to be sure you accept this. If you don't, then maybe a church wedding isn't for you.

The Church of England is the *established* church, so if one or both of you live in the church parish, getting married here is straightforward. The parish includes:

- Barlow, Commonsides
- Barlow Lees, Brindwoodgate, Leash Fen, Moorhall, Barlow Grange, Newgate, Bole Hill, Wilday Green, Wellspring.

Oxton Rakes is on the border. Millthorpe and Unthank are not in the parish.

If you *don't* live in this area, you may still be married in Barlow church:

- if one or both of you can *demonstrate* some attachment to the church—for example, if you were baptised here or confirmed from here, or if you or your parents used to live in the parish, or if you worshipped here, or if your parents or grandparents were married here; or
- if you attend services regularly (say once a month) for *at least six months*.

These websites may help:

- <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/lifeevents/weddings/#getmarried>
- <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/youre-welcome/more-churches-to-choose-from.aspx>
- <http://www.barlowchurch.org.uk/Pages/Marriage.html>

If you want to enquire further, contact me, the Vicar of Barlow:

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