

# are you wondering about the right venue for your wedding day?

This booklet contains full details of churches in the **Sudbury area** where you can arrange your Wedding Service.



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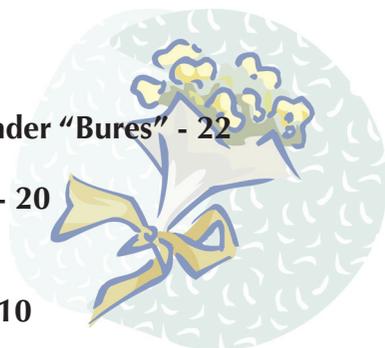
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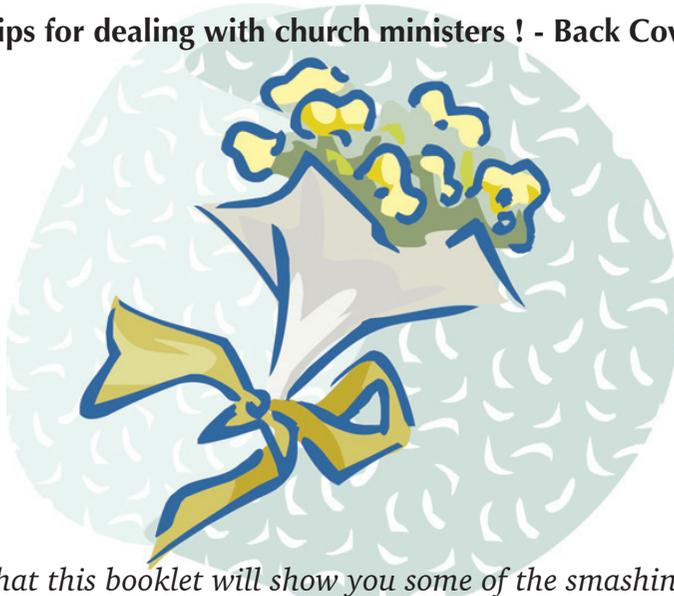
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*We hope that this booklet will show you some of the smashing resources that your local churches can offer YOU on your wedding day. Getting married in church, in the heart of your community; saying your vows in a sacred place is a unique and utterly special start to your married life.*



How well do YOU know your partner ? Perfectly ? Intimately ? Lovingly ?  
Of course you do. But how about the bits that are difficult to talk about ?

The Sudbury churches have a team of practitioners who have been trained to deliver the PREPARE-ENRICH package, to help YOU help your marriage last for ever. It's simple :-

1. Both you and your partner fill in a carefully detailed multiple-choice questionnaire. Nobody sees your answers - not your partner – the practitioner - the minister - not anybody.
2. Both questionnaires are sent to the Prepare-Enrich computer (more than a million couples worldwide have completed this process).
3. The computer compares your responses – and provides a little feedback. NOT a mark out of ten – but a little guidance based on your strengths as a couple. This ALWAYS provides some very helpful insights.
4. One of our team of practitioners will take you through the feedback, and give you as much or little of their time as you feel you need. We cannot guarantee success in this most personal of human relationships, but we can promise that you can learn more about yourself, your partner, and your relationship. We can promise that you will become more aware of the strengths of your relationship and of any areas where growth may still be needed.

### **The scheme is designed to suit all different circumstances...**

We have found that Prepare-Enrich works for all sorts of couples. It is NOT a chance for anyone to preach at you - only for you to reflect a little on your relationship. We can help: premarital couples... couples living together (cohabiting) with or without children... couples in mid-life.... new marriages which include step-children... couples who have been married for some time.... and YOU !

**Interested ?** Some Sudbury churches include this scheme as part of their wedding package. For others, there is a small one-off fee (which we pass on to Prepare-Enrich), of £25. There is no charge for the practitioner's time or input. We are committed to supporting you as a couple, just because we passionately believe in the goodness of marriage. Our team offers you ongoing access to marriage guidance counselling, and simply "someone to turn to". For more information please call (01787) 374289 and ask for Chris or 372346 and ask for Tim. We'll be praying for you, too.



## ***All Saints, Acton***

### ***Who can be contacted?***

Revd. Caroline Hallett T: 01787 377287 [challett@myself.com](mailto:challett@myself.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Tree-lined approach, rural setting. Car parking at village hall, next door to the church. Seating for up to 150 people.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

Wedding Service: £262.00

Publishing banns: £22-56

Wedding Blessing: Donation.

Organist £50.00

Bells £50.00

Heating if needed: £20.00

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

I am always happy to have a preliminary chat to discuss the possibility of a marriage in Acton Church.



## *All Saints, Newton Green*

### *Where is the Church?*

All Saints, Church Road, Newton Green, Suffolk, CO10 0PQ

### *Who is the Minister?*

The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210752 Email: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com),

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact the Minister.***



## *All Saints, Sudbury*

### ***Where is the Church?***

Church Street, Sudbury. [www.allsaints-sudbury.co.uk](http://www.allsaints-sudbury.co.uk)

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Simon Gill, 5 Clermont Ave, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 1ZJT: 01787 375334

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

All Saints Church dates back to the 12th Century although it has been extended several times since then. It is Grade II listed and features many beautiful carvings, stained glass windows and a traditional Bishop organ. It is one of Sudbury's three ancient town centre churches, in an attractive and dramatic setting. It sits in the south of the town towards the Stour, surrounded on three sides by ancient cottages. The church seats 280 with an area at the back of the church set aside for small children to play if required. There is a hearing aid Loop system, a small car park and photographs are welcomed in the church and in the surrounding church yard. Opposite the church is the church hall which is also a listed building. It has toilet facilities, a newly refurbished kitchen, a walled garden and space for up to 80 guests should a reception be desired. There are also a number of venues within walking distance which cater for wedding receptions.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The cost of a wedding at All Saints is £358. This includes church fees, organist, vergers and basic flowers.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

Flowers will be provided for the font, altar and one stand. If you would like to have a specific colour scheme or add to this then please let us know and we may be able to help with pew ends, bouquets and button holes for a donation to the flower fund. Alternatively you may wish to bring your own flowers.

Personalised Service sheets are available for guests to follow including readings, hymns, and order of service at a cost of £40.

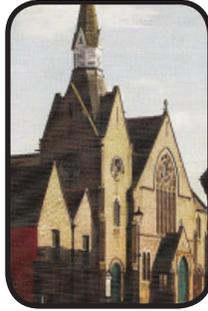
The organ is available for the wedding. We would also welcome bands or classical musicians to play in wedding services at All Saints.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Usually at least one person in the couple should live in the Parish. Under certain circumstances there may be exceptions to this rule. Please call Simon for more information.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

We would like all couples marrying at All Saints to attend the Marriage Preparation Course run by the local churches. Simon, the vicar, will also meet with the couples to discuss the service including helping to choose readings, hymns/music and to help familiarise the couples with the church. If you are a divorcee looking to remarry, please contact Simon as we approach every case individually. We are also able to offer a service of blessing following a civil ceremony.



# ***Christ Church URC, Sudbury***

## ***Where is the Church?***

School Street, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 2HA

## ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Samantha White, 6 Bury Park drive, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. IP33 2DA.

T: 01284 753104 E: revsam@live.co.uk

## ***Who else can be contacted?***

Mrs J. Everitt T: 01787 379674

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Christ Church is a large town centre church that has simple internal features but which can easily seat up to 300 people thanks to its balcony. The side aisles and multiple hardwood pews are ideal for decoration with flowers. There is a superb Connica organ, and one of a range of proficient local organists may be engaged to enhance the ceremony. We have a substantial hall, side room, and kitchen facilities, which may be suitable for your reception. The building has disabled access, and a loop system for the hard of hearing.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£293 covers the church costs, including the minister's fee, stewarding, heating and lighting. The organist's fee will be approx £65.00, plus 50% if a video is used. Receptions are charged at an hourly rate and 50% of the total cost of all church/reception facilities will be required when booking.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

There are no residency requirements. Couples do not have to be members of the church but should be comfortable with a Christian ethos. Divorcees are welcome. We can offer a service of blessing for those who have been married in civil ceremony, or overseas.

## ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The minister will meet with you several times before your "big day". This will be an opportunity for you to discuss marriage, plan the ceremony and visit the church. Couples will be made very welcome if they attend any service at Christ Church URC prior to their wedding.



# ***Glemsford Methodist Church***

## ***Where is the Church?***

Tye Green, Glemsford, Nr Sudbury.

## ***Who is the Minister?***

Revd John Boardman, 24 Waldingfield Road, Sudbury. CO10 2PU.

Tel 01787 372738

## ***Who else can be contacted?***

Mrs Daphne Jay, "Belle Vue", Skates Hill, Glemsford, Sudbury, CO10 7SH.

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Glemsford is a small village church, which holds about 50 people. It is set in the middle of the village, surrounded by grass and trees and is the ideal location for a small, intimate wedding. There is a hall attached to the church, with modern toilets and a kitchen. There is also access and facilities for disabled visitors.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The cost for a wedding is £170.00 which includes the church fees, organist and steward.

## ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

You are welcome to arrange for a florist to decorate the church.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Please contact the minister to find out more details. – If you are a divorcee looking to remarry each case is considered individually.



## ***Glem Valley Benefice***

***St Mary's,  
Glemsford***



***St James,  
Stanstead***



***Holy Trinity,  
Boxted***



***All Saints,  
Hartest***



***St Margaret's,  
Somerton***



### ***Where is the Church?***

St Mary's Glemsford, St James Stanstead, All Saints Hartest, St Margaret's Somerton, Holy Trinity Boxted.  
<http://www.glem-valley.org.uk>

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Patrick Prigg - The Rectory, 6 Lion Road, Glemsford CO10 7RF. Telephone: (01787) 282164

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The fees range from the basic £296 rising to £678 depending on what extras are required.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

A full information pack and details of the fees are available from the Rector.



# ***Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford***

## ***Where is the Church?***

The church sits at the top of the Green in Long Melford, overlooking Melford Hall and beyond and backing onto Kentwell Hall. [www.longmelfordchurch.com](http://www.longmelfordchurch.com)

## ***Who is the Minister?***

The Rev'd. Ian Friars, The Rectory, The Green, Long Melford CO10 9DT. Tel : 01787 310845  
Email: [ianfriars@btinternet.com](mailto:ianfriars@btinternet.com)

## ***Who else can be contacted?***

Our Elder: Mrs. Diana Banks 01284 827093 Email:[diana.banks@onetel.net](mailto:diana.banks@onetel.net)

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Holy Trinity Church is world renowned for its stunning architecture, its setting and stained glass. It is one of only 18 five-star churches in the country and as a result is a centre for tourism. There is a magnificent organ and choir of both men and women.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

Around £1,100 which includes the professional organist, experienced choir and bellringers and basic flowers (three pedestals). This figure can be reduced considerably if the choir and bells are not required.

## ***What else can the church provide for the couple?***

Floral arrangements of a high standard can be provided but the couple would be expected to fund these. Alternatively couples are welcome to bring in their own florist or supply flowers for the church arrangers to use.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Anyone who lives within the parishes of Long Melford, Alpheton or Shimpling or who has strong family connections with these parishes can choose to marry at any of these parish churches. Those outside these parishes are still welcome to apply as there may be circumstances where the marriage can take place legally. Please contact the Rector for further details.

## ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The Rector will meet with you several times to plan your service together. It is his aim that you are relaxed on the day to enable you to enjoy and remember this special occasion in your lives.



# *Living Waters Fellowship, Sudbury*

## ***Where is the Church?***

Living Waters Fellowship Gregory St, Sudbury, CO10 1AZ

## ***Who is the Minister?***

Pastor Peter C Avery, Living Waters Fellowship, Gregory St, Sudbury, CO10 1AZ,  
T: 01787 372797 E: living\_waters@btinternet.com

## ***Who else can be contacted?***

Church office: 01787 372797

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

At Living Waters we offer a modern interior to a traditional chapel style building built in the 1860's and retaining many of its original features, with seating for up to 110 people, a full sound system and a planted garden to the rear. Sited close to Sudbury meadows which offers a beautiful backdrop for all your photographic needs. We are the ideal location for weddings that don't require the grandeur of a larger, traditional Church building.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

Please contact the Church Office for a list of our basic costs.

## ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

We are able produce an "order of service" for your wedding, which includes hymns and Bible readings, for your guests to follow, for a nominal fee. Arrangements can also be made to provide a range of floral arrangements at reasonable rates.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Adherence to the Christian faith is normally a prerequisite for a wedding at this facility, though under certain circumstances special arrangements can be made.

Residency. It is normally necessary for at least one of you to live in Sudbury and district area for you to marry here, but under certain circumstances there are exceptions to this rule. Please phone the Pastor for details.

## ***Other helpful information about the church.***

We would invite you to attend a "Marriage Planning Day" to sort out details of the service, and to familiarise yourself with the building. Every wedding is tailored to suit individual needs so if you have any special needs or you are looking for a Church blessing following a civil ceremony or if you or your partner to be is a divorcee looking to remarry please do contact the Pastor to discuss this. We approach every case individually, and will help you if we can.



## ***Long Melford United Reformed Church***

### ***Where is the Church?***

Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Samantha White, 6 Bury Park drive, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. IP33 2DA.

T: 01284 753104 E: revsam@live.co.uk

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Mrs N. Palmer-Randle T: 01787 373797

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Long Melford URC is a chapel that lies on the main street in the village. It has an intimate feel, which is ideal for a quiet wedding. We can seat 80 people. There is an organ, or CD music can be played. There is disabled access. We have two gardens, one at the side of the building and one at the front, which may be used for photographs.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£177 covers the church costs, including the minister's fee, stewarding heating and lighting. The organist's fee will be extra (approx £65, plus 50% if video is used)

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

There are no residency requirements. Couples do not have to be members of the church but should be comfortable with a Christian ethos. Divorcees are welcome. We can offer a service of blessing for those who have been married in civil ceremony, or overseas.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The minister will meet with you several times before your "big day." This will be an opportunity for you to discuss marriage, plan the ceremony and visit the chapel. Couples will be made very welcome if they attend any service at Long Melford URC prior to their wedding.



# ***Our Lady Immaculate and St John the Evangelist***

## ***Where is the Church?***

Our Lady Immaculate and St John the Evangelist  
The Croft, Sudbury CO10 1HW W: [www.ourladyofsudbury.co.uk](http://www.ourladyofsudbury.co.uk)

## ***Who is the Minister?***

Father Peter Brett, The Priest's House, The Croft, Sudbury CO10 1HW  
T: 01787 372703 E: [parishpriest@ourladyofsudbury.co.uk](mailto:parishpriest@ourladyofsudbury.co.uk)

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Grade II listed building in the incomparable setting of the Croft and the Watermeadows.  
We have seating for 180, a hall and gardens. Disabled access and facilities.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£50 for the legal registration of the marriage, plus the organist's fee.

## ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

Flowers can be organised by private arrangement (family or florist) or our parish flower ladies will do them at cost.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Six months notice is required by Diocesan Law. One party must be Catholic and have our church as the usual place of worship. Both parties must be unmarried and free to marry.

## ***Other helpful information about the church.***

A course of preparation is required (at least four sessions) and is arranged with the priest or deacon.



## ***Salvation Army, Lavenham***

### ***Where is the Church?***

The Salvation Army, The Common, Lavenham

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Cadet Chris Baker.

The Cottage, The Common, Lavenham, Sudbury CO10 9RL. Tel. 01787 247712

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Mr Robert Holmes 01787 247760 email [robwholmes@btinternet.com](mailto:robwholmes@btinternet.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

The Salvation Army church in Lavenham is a converted barn building, with original stone walling. The hall will hold up to 80 people for a wedding. The building adjoins a row of old cottages and is set back from the road, on a grassed area (the common). There are disabled facilities but no separate area for a reception.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The basic cost of a wedding is £150 includes church fees, minister's fees and pianist/organist accompaniment for hymns. The fee may be reduced for those on low incomes – please speak to the minister.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

The videoing of your wedding service is welcomed but may incur an additional charge dependant on the current copyright fees – please contact us for more details.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

There are no residency requirements. Couples do not have to be members of the church although they should be comfortable with the Christian ethos of the service. Couples will be made very welcome if they choose to attend any of our services before their wedding, but it should be noted that attendance at our service is required for the three Sundays preceding the wedding.

If you are a divorcee looking to remarry, do contact the minister as we approach every case individually.

We can also arrange a blessing of a civil or overseas marriage.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The minister will meet with you several times before your special day and this will be an opportunity for you to look around our church, plan the ceremony and discuss your forthcoming marriage with them.



## ***Salvation Army, Sudbury***

### ***Where is the Church?***

The Salvation Army Family Worship & Community Services Centre, 1 Station Road, Sudbury, CO10 2SP

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Majors Tom and Jean Crozier, The Salvation Army, 1 Station Road, Sudbury, CO10 2SP. Tel 01787 310187/376630

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Mr Anthony Dodd 01376 323777

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

The Salvation Army church in Sudbury has a very modern frontage, which leads to our main worship hall which is somewhat older, but is very pleasantly laid out creating a warm atmosphere and is ideal for those not wanting the grandeur of traditional church buildings. Our church normally seats 80 people for a wedding, but by changing the layout and making use of the balcony can accommodate up to 150 people.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The basic cost of a wedding is £100 including church fees (including heating if required), ministers fees and music from a CD/Tape and with pianist accompaniment for hymns. This may be reduced for those on low incomes – please speak to the ministers.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

If you would like to have an organist to play for your music then this can be arranged for an additional fee (which goes to the organist), and we can also arrange a brass quartet if desired for accompanying the singing of hymns. Please contact us for more information. The videoing of your wedding service is welcomed but does incur an additional charge dependant on the current copyright fees – please contact us for more details.

For an additional fee of £80, we also have a fully equipped kitchen and separate area for a small reception but you should note that no alcoholic drinks are allowed on the premises.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

There are no residency requirements. Couples do not have to be members of the church although they should be comfortable with the Christian Ethos of the service. Couples will be made very welcome if they choose to attend any of our services before their wedding, but it should be noted that attendance at one of our services is required for the three Sundays preceding the wedding. If you are a divorcee looking to remarry, do contact the ministers as we approach every case individually.

We can also arrange a blessing of a civil or overseas marriage.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The ministers will meet with you several times before your special day and this will be an opportunity for you to look around our church, plan the ceremony and discuss your forthcoming marriage with them. We are relatively close to both Friars Meadow and The Croft for photographs of your special day.



## ***St Andrew's, Great Cornard***

### ***Where is the Church?***

You'll find St Andrew's off the Bures Road, in Great Cornard.  
The address is : St Andrew's, Church Road, Great Cornard, CO10 0EL  
Or, on the internet : [www.standrews-gc.org.uk](http://www.standrews-gc.org.uk)

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Rev'd Chris Ramsey, 95 Bures Road, Great Cornard, Sudbury, CO10 0JE.  
(01787) 376293. Email : [vicar@standrews-gc.org.uk](mailto:vicar@standrews-gc.org.uk)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

St Andrew's is a beautiful village church with a modern organ and seating for up to 250 people. We have an attractive churchyard and a stunning church building, where generations of couples have stood at the heart of their community and made their vows to one-another. For music, we have a good sound system with CD player; a ramp for wheelchair access, and a hearing-aid loop system. We look forward to making you very welcome.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£382.50 for a wedding service and £357 for a wedding blessing after a civil ceremony. This includes all church fees plus the options of an organist for hymns and entry/exit music; a verger to prepare the church and welcome you; and also having the bells rung as you leave.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

You need to have what is called a qualifying connection. It is normally necessary for at least one of you to live in Great Cornard, or to have a family link to the parish in order for you to marry here but there are other exceptions. Great Cornard includes Upper Tye, Joes Road, Kings Hill, Betty Cocker Grove, and the side of Cat's Lane nearest Cornard.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

If you are a divorcee looking to remarry, do contact the minister - we approach every case individually, and will help you if we can. We are also able to offer a service of blessing following a civil ceremony (if, for example, you have been married abroad, or at a civic venue).

For more details check out [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org) which includes all the information you need to know about this OR phone the minister.



## ***St Bartholomew's, Groton***

### ***Where is the Church?***

St Bartholomew's, Church Street, Groton, Suffolk, CO10 5ED

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210752 Email: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact the Minister.***



# *St George's, Shimplingthorne*

## *St Peter and St Paul, Alpheton*

### ***Where is the Church?***

Shimpling Church is found down a long avenue of trees at the end of Aveley Lane which begins in Bridge Street on the main Sudbury to Bury Road. Alpheton Church is at the end of Church Lane, indicated from the main Sudbury to Bury Road.

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Rev'd. Ian Friars, The Rectory, The Green, Long Melford CO10 9DT. Tel : 01787 310845  
Email: [ianfriars@btinternet.com](mailto:ianfriars@btinternet.com) [www.longmelfordchurch.com](http://www.longmelfordchurch.com)

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Our Elder: Mrs. Diana Banks 01284 827093 Email: [diana.banks@onetel.net](mailto:diana.banks@onetel.net)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Both churches are in gloriously isolated positions. Shimpling seats around 200 people, Alpheton around 70, the latter still with a grass path to the picturesque porch and oil lamps for lighting inside. Both have small pipe organs. Shimpling has easy disabled access, Alpheton has steps down into the church but a portable ramp is available.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

Around £600 at either church.

### ***What else can the church provide for the couple?***

Floral arrangements of a high standard can be provided but the couple would be expected to fund these.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Anyone who lives within the parishes of Long Melford, Alpheton or Shimpling or who has strong family connections with these parishes can choose to marry at any of these parish churches. Those who live outside these parishes are still welcome to apply as there may be circumstances where the marriage can proceed legally. Please contact the Rector for further details.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The Rector will meet with you several times to plan your service together. It is his aim that you are relaxed on the day to enable you to enjoy and remember this special occasion in your lives.



## ***St Gregory's Church, Sudbury***

### ***Where is the Church?***

Gregory Street, Sudbury CO10 1BA  
[www.stgregoryschurch.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryschurch.org.uk)

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Revd Canon Gregory J Webb, The Rectory, Sudbury, CO10 2AS  
Tel: 01787 372611 email: [gregorywebb@btinternet.com](mailto:gregorywebb@btinternet.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Beautiful historic building in a glorious setting overlooking the Croft. The church has hosted marriage services for centuries. The churchyard offers an excellent setting for photographs. The church can seat over 300 people. Pipe organ, choir and bells all available, and there is a new sound system(including hearing loop) through which music can be played as well. Easy disabled access (no entrance steps). All couples are welcomed.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

The cost will be between £300 and £660 depending on whether you would like an organist, choir and bells.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

At least one of the couple must have a "qualifying connection" with the church. This will include living or having lived in the Parish, or one of the couple or their parents having been baptised or married in the church. Contact the minister for details. If you are a divorcee please also contact the minister as it may well still be possible to marry at St Gregory's.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

The minister will meet with each couple on several occasions to plan and prepare for the wedding. There will also be a rehearsal near to the day.

A Marriage Booklet is available - please contact the minister.



## ***St John's Methodist Church***

### ***Where is the Church?***

York Road, Sudbury, CO10 1ND W: [www.stjohns-sudbury.co.uk](http://www.stjohns-sudbury.co.uk)

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev John Boardman Tel: 01787 372738

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Senior Steward: Mrs Gill Philips Tel: 01787 310840

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

St John's is an attractive flint building with many modern facilities and seating for about 200. There is a sound system with CD player and hearing aid loop, also a projection system with cameras. The church has good facilities for the disabled and there is a small car park at the entrance in York Road. There is also a modern suite of buildings, including a hall, kitchen and toilets. Outside there are grassed areas, suitable for photographs.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£270 for a wedding service and £200 for a blessing after a civil ceremony. This includes church fees, organist and a steward.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

There is a choir who can sing at special events.

Couples are welcome to bring in their own florist or supply flowers for the church arrangers to use.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Please contact the minister if you wish to remarry after a divorce – each case is looked at individually.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

A course of meetings are held with the minister in order to prepare for marriage.



## ***St Lawrence, Great Waldingfield***

### ***Who can be contacted?***

Revd. Caroline Hallett T: 01787 377287 [challett@myself.com](mailto:challett@myself.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Rural setting, lovely churchyard and stained glass windows. Seating for up to 150 people.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

Wedding Service: £262.00

Publishing banns: £22-56

Wedding Blessing: Donation.

Organist £50.00

Bells: £15

Heating if needed: £20.00

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

I am always happy to have a preliminary chat to discuss the possibility of a marriage in Great Waldingfield Church.



## ***St Lawrence, Little Waldingfield***

### ***Where is the Church?***

St Lawrence, Church Road, Little Waldingfield, Suffolk, CO10 0SW

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210752 Email: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact the Minister.***



## ***St Mary's, Boxford***

### ***Where is the Church?***

St Mary's, Church Street, Boxford, Suffolk.

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210752 Email: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

The church is able to hold over 200 guests. It is a beautiful Grade I listed building, in its own unique setting and atmosphere. The church has a ringable tower and an organ installed. A choir is available to support the singing at your wedding. In addition, for your reception, Boxford has a newly-refurbished village hall with a large kitchen, bar and stage that can cater for 80-90 people seated at £125 per day.

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact the Minister.***



## ***St Mary's, Bures, with St Edmund's, Assington & All Saints, Little Cornard***

### ***Where is the Church?***

Bures, Suffolk, CO8 5AA [www.bures-online.co.uk](http://www.bures-online.co.uk) and [www.parishchurch.co.uk](http://www.parishchurch.co.uk). Assington & Little Cornard, Suffolk.

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Robin King, The Vicarage, Bures St. Mary, Suffolk CO8 5AA. T: 01787 227315. E: [rking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rking@hotmail.co.uk)

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Rev'd Jo Goymour – 01787 227494

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

St. Mary the Virgin, Bures is a beautiful 14th century church in the heart of the village. It has a traditional organ and seating for 250 people. It also has a small kitchen and toilet, a room which overlooks the church allowing you to see what is going on and speakers to allow you to hear the service – ideal for small children. We have a large attractive, well kept churchyard, ideal for photographs and a picturesque 15th century porch ideal for creating a floral arch.

We have a very good sound system to play your own music if requested and a hearing aid loop. Our Choir is always happy to attend and to sing any special anthem you may want, for a donation to Choir funds. We also have a ramp for wheelchair access.

For details about Assington or Little Cornard churches, please do phone one of the clergy – but both these churches are lovely well-cared for buildings in beautiful settings. Assington can hold 200, Little Cornard 100.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

£350 approx for a wedding service. This includes church fees and organist. If you wish to have the bells rung as you leave church the fee is £80.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

Any one of our Clergy Team will be happy to suggest hymns or readings for your wedding.

We have a very talented flower arranging team who will be only too happy to help, advise and arrange your church flowers – pedestal arrangements and pew end flowers.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Residency. It is normally necessary for at least one of you to live in Bures for you to marry here. Under certain circumstances there are exceptions to this rule.

Please telephone the Minister for details.

### ***Other helpful information about the church.***

Please feel free to come along and meet one of the Clergy Team to discuss details of the service and to familiarise yourself with the church. If you are a divorcee looking to re-marry, do contact the Minister as we approach every case individually and will help you if we can.

Bures boasts a large Village Hall for hire and details of fees and free dates can be obtained from the Letting Secretary 01787 227278. There is also a Car Park just two minutes walk from the church, by the playing fields and Village Hall.



## ***St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone***

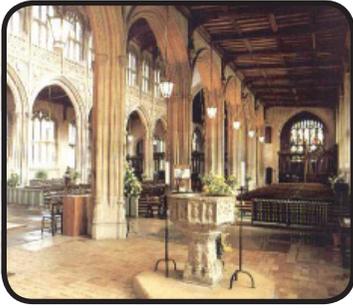
### ***Where is the Church?***

St Mary the Virgin, Edwardstone, Suffolk, CO10 5PH

### ***Who is the Minister?***

The Revd. Judith Sweetman The Rectory, School Hill, Boxford, Sudbury, CO10 5JT  
Tel: 01787 210752 Email: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com)

***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact the Minister.***



## ***St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham***

### ***Where is the Church?***

Church Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9SA.

### ***Who is the Minister?***

Revd Stephen Earl, Church Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9SA. 01787 247244

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Reader: Dr Jean Guy 01787 249067

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

The Church seats 400 comfortably, and is one of the most splendid and beautiful Grade I parish churches in the country. We can provide a grand piano, 4 manual organ, choir and bells to enhance the day. Weddings may also be conducted in the smaller Lady Chapel seating approximately 30-40, or in the Chancel seating approximately 50.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

In the region of £950 depending on options chosen; fees available on application.

### ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

We offer full and friendly guidance for couples planning a church wedding, and for those planning services of "marriage blessing" (following a civil marriage elsewhere). We like to be flexible with arrangements and seek to accommodate special requests wherever we can.

We can also offer the service of a thoroughly professional and friendly flower arranging team.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

Normally residency within the parish of at least one of those to be married, or regular church attendance, or being on the church Electoral Roll; or having any one of the other "qualifying connections" to be found at [www.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.cofe.anglican.org) (and then click on the section "marriage measure" on the rhs).

We are happy to discuss the possibility of a church service where either or both of those to be married has a previous marriage dissolved (following the Bishops' guidelines).

### ***Other helpful information about the church & facilities.***

We welcome couples who wish to make their marriage vows before God and know they are supported by the prayers not only of the priest but of their family and friends as well.

We believe to be "within the hallowed walls of a church" is the most appropriate setting for this most joyful and special life event.

If needed, the modern Village Hall close to the church has a spacious ground floor room ideal for wedding receptions with its own bar and catering facilities. (Enquiries to the Hall Manager: 01787 248599)



# ***Sudbury Baptist Church***

## ***Where is the Church?***

Sudbury Baptist Church, Church Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2BJ  
T: 01787881910 [www.sudburybaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.sudburybaptistchurch.co.uk)

## ***Who is the Minister?***

Rev'd Nigel Ford, The Manse, 5A Meadow Lane, Sudbury, CO10 2TD  
T: 01787242185 E: [minister@sudburybaptistchurch.co.uk](mailto:minister@sudburybaptistchurch.co.uk)

## ***Who else can be contacted?***

Rev'd Brian Stenner; telephone 01787 319032. Email [revbstenner@aol.com](mailto:revbstenner@aol.com)

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Sudbury Baptist Church is delighted to support and encourage couples who want a Christian marriage service. We have an attractive building, which has been fully refurbished, seating up to 280 people. We have an advanced media system that can play CDs and DVDs via the projection equipment onto the main screen and TV monitors. There is a portable ramp for wheelchair access, and a hearing-aid loop system.

## ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

We have no fixed fee for weddings, but would be grateful if couples could make a gift to the church.

## ***What else can the church provide for couples?***

We have gifted church members who are able to help couples with almost every aspect of the wedding arrangements and marriage service. We can provide, amongst other things, musicians to play and members who are willing to advise regarding flowers and other decorations. Please contact us for more details.

## ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

There is no membership requirement to be married at Sudbury Baptist Church. We would encourage couples with no church affiliation to consider exploring the Christian faith for themselves. Please contact us to discuss this further.

## ***Other helpful information about the church.***

All cases will be considered on an individual basis and we will help you if we can.

We are also able to offer a service of blessing following a civil ceremony (if, for example, you have been married abroad, or at a civic venue). We also have recently refurbished halls and a large kitchen behind the church that can be hired although there are some restrictions on their use. For more details please contact us. We may also be able to arrange additional car parking.



## ***Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury***

### ***Where is the Church?***

Suffolk Road, Sudbury, CO10 1UN

### ***Who to contact?***

Andrew Dixey, ( Chairman of Elders) T: 01787 377644 E: [andrew.dixey@talk21.com](mailto:andrew.dixey@talk21.com)

### ***Who else can be contacted?***

Austin Mudd, T: 01787 376811 E: [a.mudd@btinternet.com](mailto:a.mudd@btinternet.com)

Ken Steel T: 01787 377484 E: [k.w.steel@btinternet.com](mailto:k.w.steel@btinternet.com)

### ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Small building with comfortable seating for 100 people.

### ***How much will it cost to get married there?***

We make no charge. We are happy to receive a donation towards the work of the Church.

### ***What are the requirements or expectations for couples?***

We usually only conduct the weddings of those who profess to be committed Christians.



# *The Religious Society of Friends*

## ***Where is the Church?***

Friends Meeting House, Friars Street, Sudbury CO10 2AA

## ***Who to contact?***

For local enquiries, please contact the clerk of meeting Betty Scrivener Tel: 01787 371303 or Sheelagh Ruse, T: 01787 379901, email: sruse@live.com

## ***What does the church have to offer us?***

Quaker marriage is not an alternative form of marriage available to the general public, but is for members and those who, whilst not being in formal membership, are in unity with its religious nature and witness. Usually, however, one or both of the parties being married will be members or they will be otherwise associated with the Society. Anyone contemplating marriage according to the usage of Friends should at an early stage apply to the registering officer in the area in which it is intended that the marriage should take place.

Those not in membership need to complete additional requirements, including a discussion with at least two members of the Society, to help assess whether there is sufficient unity of understanding with the Society, to allow a marriage according to Quaker usage to go forward.

The Religious Society of the Friends of Truth (Quakers) are sympathetic to same sex unions.

Sheelagh Ruse is a trained Counsellor, and has done the Prepare / Enrich course to help prepare couples for marriage, or to help them enrich their marriage. She also works with others for the charity Christians Against Poverty to consider the financial considerations of life, especially when there are new challenges.



## Top-Five Tips for dealing with church ministers.

**...SO! Considering a church for your big day ?**

**Next job is to phone the minister. Fear not, these people are only human. Here's what they're going to ask:**



1. Where you live. They will ask this because residency is part of marriage law. Don't avoid mentioning that you live together (if you do). Some ministers even watch Eastenders, read the papers, and live in the real world... They have encountered this before, trust me !

2. Whether either of you have been married before. Whether or not divorcees are allowed to re-marry in church is decided by each church individually. Those that do allow remarriage of divorcees will tend to arrange to meet you before giving a definitive answer.

3. Whether you have a date in mind. This one shouldn't present too many problems! Often churches are quite willing to arrange weddings on days other than Saturdays.

4. Anglican (or "Church of England) clergy might talk about the "parish" you live in. England is divided up into areas in which a particular vicar has care of the people. Often these cover the same area as your town or village; sometimes they are defined by historical areas of a town - maybe with a river as the boundary. He or she will be able to tell you "your parish" by the road that you live in.

5. There are lots of different styles of churches. They all approach weddings in different ways. For example, "Anglican" churches have clergy who act as registrars as well as taking the service. Some other churches will arrange for a registrar to be present. Some churches will restrict marriages to members of their church; others to residents of the parish. Some churches have a traditional church organ - others have a band with drum kits, guitars and singers. Read the blurb, and there's nothing lost by making an enquiry, even if you do not belong to a particular church.



For each church, we have included details of another "appointed person" who is not the minister. If you'd rather make your initial enquiry completely informally, why not try them first ? **GO FOR IT.... make that call. And may God bless you both.**