



**WEDDING BLESSINGS**

**&**

**RENEWAL OF**

**MARRIAGE VOWS**

We are delighted that you want to ask for God's blessing on your marriage. We have devised this booking form to help with our admin but also to help us know what exactly you would like. This also gives us a chance to share some practicalities around such an occasion. Most importantly this form means we can be praying for you, your family and friends.

Many couples who have had a civil wedding decide they would like to dedicate their marriage to God in church sometime afterwards. A husband and wife can have their marriage blessed in church, whether they got married in the UK or abroad. For couples who marry abroad, it can be a way of ensuring more family and friends can celebrate the marriage if they were unable to travel to another country for the legal marriage.

A service of blessing:

- It is a simple service acknowledging the commitment already made between husband and wife during a civil ceremony and asks for God's blessing and guidance in your new life together.
- Because it is not a marriage service, banns are not required, there is no exchange of rings and there is no signing of the Register.
- It can be designed to have a similar feel to a wedding with hymns, readings, flowers and even bells if you would like that, or it can be an intimate, low key service.

Many couples have opted for this service where one or both of them is remarrying after divorce. If this is your situation, talk things through with me and I can offer guidance on remarrying in church or having a blessing.

With all our love & best wishes

Justin  
The Vicar

## WHAT WE OFFER

### **Option 1:**

A short service of prayer, reflection and a blessing. This can, if wanted, include the renewal of marriage vows. This would last typically 15-20 minutes and would usually be a very small gathering or even just the couple and the Vicar.

### **Option 2:**

A longer service approximately an hour or so. The service itself is more or less like an actual wedding service - but with renewal of marriage vows. We can provide an organist if required and have various sound and visual kit that can be used.

# YOUR DETAILS

Names	
Address	
Email	
Phone	

Preferred option: 1

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Preferred church: St Stephen's, Pillgwenlly

St Thomas', Maeglas

St Paul's, Bridge Street

Preferred date for service: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Option 1 - Cost:**

A suggested donation of £40.

### **Option 2 - Cost:**

The Church in Wales set the fee for this service – at £400 (similar to an actual wedding) and of this, £210 goes to the church to cover their costs (heating, lighting, setup and clear up) and £190 is the Vicar's fee.

## **THE PROCEDURE**

1. This form must be read carefully, fully completed and returned to the Benefice Office at St Paul's Church, 9 Bridge Street, NEWPORT NP20 4AL.
2. On receipt of the completed form, a meeting will be arranged for you with a member of the Clergy/Pastoral Term.
3. Please do not confirm any venue bookings for your party until the date has been agreed by the Vicar.

# PRIVACY POLICY

The privacy policy can be read here:

<http://stpaulsnewport.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

The Benefice of Newport City West may wish to contact you to send you invitations or information about events in the church, please tick here if you **DO NOT** want us to keep your contact details for this purpose. We will not pass your contact details onto a third party.

I do not wish my contact details to be kept by the Benefice of Newport City West.

Please return this form to:

St Paul's Church  
9 Bridge Street  
NEWPORT  
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St Paul's Bridge Street; St Stephen's Pill; St Thomas' Maesglas