

Wedding Information Sheet 12

## Rehearsal and the Big Day!

- ⊙ The Rehearsal will have been arranged with the Officiating minister at the Introductory evening, and will usually take place one evening in the week prior to your wedding. Different Ministers prefer different way of running rehearsals. The usual pattern at St Mary's is for the **bride and groom only** to attend. This may seem strange, but it is an important time for the couple and minister to talk through the final arrangements, and is often hindered by half a dozen 'extras' milling around. The rehearsal will usually take just under an hour.
- ⊙ Information for others taking part in the service follows below, but please do ask if there is anything you (or your family and friends) are unsure about.
- ⊙ Sometimes the Video Camera Operator or Photographer will ask to come along to the rehearsal to check details and see the layout of the building. It is preferable if the photographer can arrange to come at a different time to the rehearsal, but if this is not possible please inform the Officiating Minister in advance if this is the case, and ensure that the Camera operator/Photographer is aware that once they have seen the Church and spoken with the minister, they will be expected to leave so that the rehearsal may proceed.

### Who arrives When?

On the day of your Wedding, please note the following 'countdown':

#### **Before the Service Start Time:**

<b>30mins</b>	<b>The Officiating Minister</b> and/or Verger will open the Church and begin preparations
<b>20mins</b>	<b>Ushers</b> arrive at Church (with Orders of Service, if applicable) and wait to direct the wedding guests to their places. <i>Anyone taking part in the service should make themselves known to the Officiating Minister, and find a seat at the end of a row.</i>
<b>10mins</b>	<b>Groom and Best Man</b> come into Church, check Registers and take places in front pew. Minister briefs Groom and Best Man on service. <i>Please make sure that you and your photographer have arrived in good time to take the photographs required before this time!</i>
<b>5mins</b>	<b>Bridesmaids</b> arrive and Minister explains their place in the proceedings
<b>2mins</b>	<b>Bride and Bride's Father</b> (or Escort) arrive. Minister briefs Bride and Father/Escort.
<b>0mins</b>	<b>Assuming everyone is ready and in place, the service begins!</b>