

MURRAYFIELD PARISH CHURCH Procedure for marriage services

All services will take the form of a Christian Act of Worship

First step: People wishing to have their marriages solemnised at Murrayfield Parish Church (or wishing to have their marriage conducted by the minister in an alternative venue) should contact the minister as far in advance of the proposed dates of their wedding as possible. The minister will arrange to meet with the couple before agreeing to conduct the service. The availability of the minister and church will depend on existing commitments. **Please do not finalise your date and time without the minister confirming this is suitable.**

Preparation classes: There may be Marriage Preparation meetings with the minister for couples getting married.

Legal: All persons wishing to be married in the Church must satisfy the current legal requirements. Full details are available from any office of the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths. If you have been previously married the minister will wish to speak further about this.

The marriage schedule: The Registrar should be contacted well in advance before the proposed date of the marriage in order to obtain the marriage schedule (the latest possible time for obtaining a certificate is 28 days beforehand).

Content of the service: All content including choice of hymns, readings, the order of service, wording of the vows is to be discussed and agreed with the minister. The minister will be able to offer suggestions and advice on content.

Order of service: Typically the format is - call to worship, welcome, hymn, preamble on marriage, prayer, the marriage, signing of register, scripture readings, address, hymn, benediction.

Flowers: Flowers may be placed in the Church. Advice regarding facilities and arrangements are available through the church office 0131 337 1091. Arrangements should be made at least one week prior to the service and ideally much earlier.

Photography in the church: Photographers are most welcome to take photographs outside the church before the service; at the signing of the Register; in and outside the church at the conclusion of the service. It is also permitted to take a single photograph of the beginning of the service from the balcony.

Photography in venues: Photographers are most welcome to take photographs before the service; at the signing of the Register; at the conclusion of the service. It is also permitted to take a single photograph of the beginning of the service.

Video: Video recording of the service is not permitted.

Charges:

Use of the Church (to cover heating etc) £200.00 members £400.00 non-members

Church Officer £50.00

Organist £75.00

Minister There is no charge and any gifts are at the discretion of the couple

Venues: It will be necessary to discuss in full requirements for a venue e.g. PA system, music, access.