

## **INFORMATION SHEET:** **GETTING MARRIED AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH,** **MILTON KEYNES VILLAGE**

### **Church of England Fees: What it Costs in 2024**

#### **BASIC FEES:**

The **Basic Fees for the service amount to £567.00**. This includes all aspects related to arranging the wedding, the minister's time and using the building, as well as publication of banns.

We have no control over the Basic Fees as these are set by central authorities. However, given the high maintenance and restoration costs of mediaeval buildings, they do represent a fair estimate of the costs involved. They also include administration costs.

*Please note that owing to a change in the law in May 2021, we no longer produce marriage certificates at the time of your wedding. These are now ordered from the Register Office after your wedding (usually available approx. 2 weeks after the event).*

**Heating:** Between the months of October and April, a charge of **£70** will be made for heating the church for the rehearsal and the wedding (£30 rehearsal, £40 wedding). Heating is of course available during other periods of cold weather. *(If you are arranging a late Autumn or early Spring wedding but do not wish to have the heating on in the church, please inform the Minister or Wedding Steward.)*

#### **EXTRAS:**

**These fees are additional to the above basic fees and are not compulsory, but most weddings need some or all of them!**

**Bells:** The fee for bell ringers (6 required to do a peel) is **£120** – or £20 per ringer.

**Music:** For live music, the organist's fee is **£100**. Alternatively, we can play electronic/digital (mp3) music for a fee of **£30**. You can, of course, have both!

**Vergers:** The Vergers are responsible for the church building, and for setting it up for the wedding. A fee of **£30** is requested as an appropriate 'thank you' for their help.

**Wedding Steward:** The Wedding Steward is responsible for all practical arrangements up to and including the day of the ceremony. On the day this will include supervising the event and paying the organist, bellringers etc. A fee of **£30** is requested as an appropriate 'thank you' for their help.

***Please speak to the Minister conducting your wedding if you have any concerns.***

**Choir:** If you wish to hire a choir for the occasion, we can put you in touch with local choirs which provide this service.