

## WHAT CHOICES DO WE HAVE FOR THE SERVICE?

The words of the service are fixed (although you can choose between the traditional or more modern language options), however any additional readings or poems, all the music and whether you want the choir, the bells or any extra flowers are all up to you. The service can be video'd if you wish and the photographer can take photos throughout (as long as they are discreet action shots during the service itself, with specially posed photos done before and after).

## DO WE HAVE TO GET MARRIED ON A SATURDAY?

No – it can be any day of the week (including Sundays) as long as the time slot is free. It has to be between 8.00am and 6.00pm as legally we can't do evening weddings.



## WHERE IN THE ABBEY CAN THE SERVICE TAKE PLACE?

The service can be held in one of several places in the Abbey. The options are the 'Nave' (the first part of the Abbey as you walk through the west door) which seats up to a few hundred people; the 'Quire' (the back half of the Abbey) which seats up to around 80; or one of the smaller side chapels if you prefer (including the St Nicholas Centre which is a separate room that would hold up to thirty people).

If you would like to talk to us about a wedding at the Abbey, or would like to book a date for your service, then contact the Abbey Office (01757 703123)

[office@selbyabbey.org.uk](mailto:office@selbyabbey.org.uk)

**or** call in at the Abbey Office  
(Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm).

*More information and ideas about marriage in the Church of England can be found at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

# WEDDINGS AT SELBY ABBEY



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We would love to welcome you to celebrate your wedding together at Selby Abbey, where couples have been coming to be married for the last 900 years.

This leaflet will hopefully answer some of your questions about who can be married here, whereabouts in the Abbey the service takes place, the choices you have about the contents of the service and accompanying aspects such as bells, choir and flowers, and how much it all costs.

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## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The current cost in 2016 is £446

(there is likely to be a slight annual increase for future years)

Optional extras are as follows:

- Organist £120 (+£50 if the service is video'd)
- Choir £120
- Bells £160
- Flowers £80 per pedestal if you want us to provide them
- Service sheet £50

## CAN WE GET MARRIED HERE?

As with any Parish Church in England, anyone who lives in the Parish of Selby Abbey automatically qualifies to be married here. The 'parish' does not include the whole of Selby so if you are not sure whether you live within the parish area, you can either contact us or visit the website [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) to make sure.

In addition, you are also eligible if either one of you...

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least six months *or*
- was baptised ('christened') at the Abbey *or*
- was confirmed at the Abbey *or*
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the Abbey for a period of at least six months

**OR** if one of your parents, at any time after you were born...

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least six months *or*
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the Abbey for a period of at least six months

**OR** if one of your parents or grandparents was married in the Abbey.

If none of these apply to you or your partner, then the remaining option is to enlist on our Electoral Roll. To do so, you can attend services of worship here regularly (i.e. at least once a month) for a period of six months or more. Times and days when services take place are advertised in the Abbey (or you can find them on our website).

## IS IT A PROBLEM IF ONE OF US IS DIVORCED OR IF ONE OF US IS A FOREIGN NATIONAL?

No – not as a rule, however if either of these applies to you then you need to contact the vicar in the first instance and let him know.

## IF WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED ELSEWHERE, COULD WE HAVE A 'BLESSING' AT THE ABBEY?

Yes, whether you would have been just married or are celebrating an anniversary from some years before.

As a service of 'Blessing' is not governed by Marriage Law, you would not have to 'qualify' by living here, or one of the categories listed.

There is no cost for the service (we invite a donation instead) and you may include any of the 'extras' as for a wedding service.