

St Stephen Walbrook

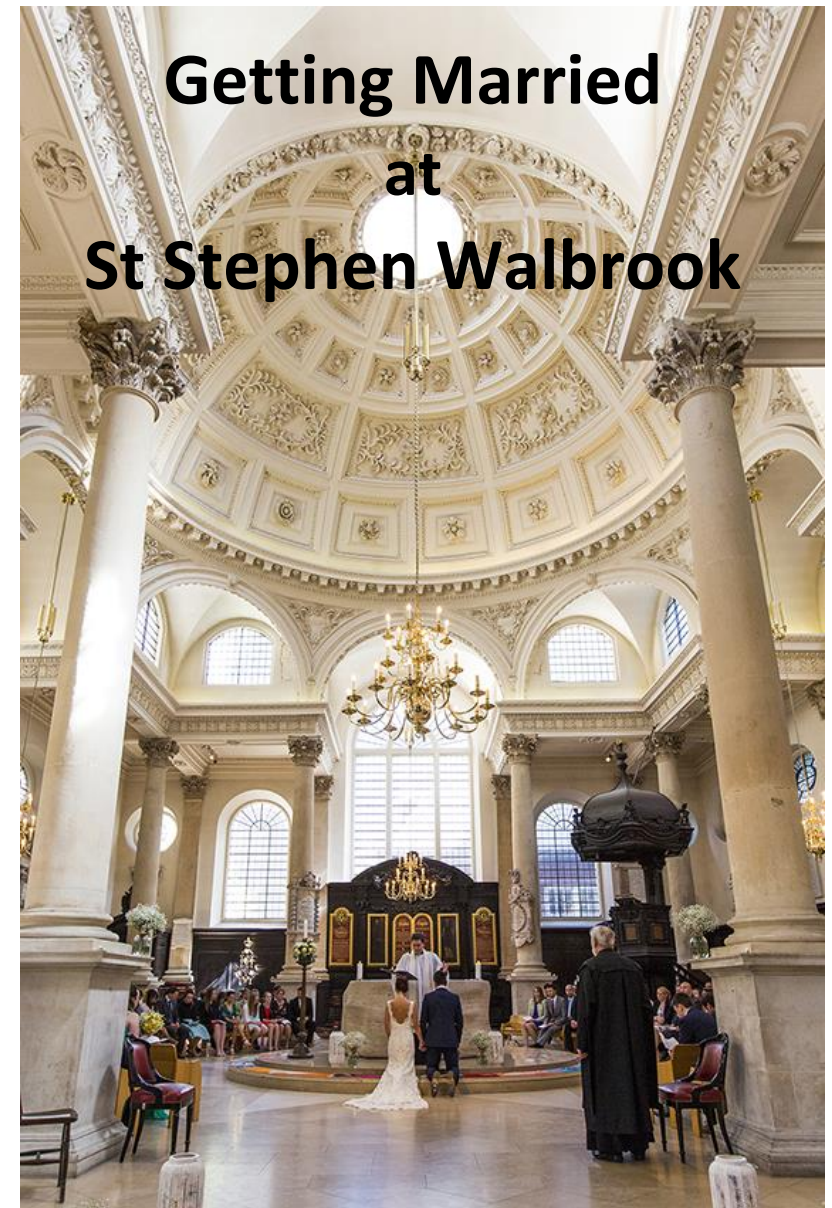
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How to find us

We are right next to Mansion House.
Bank Station (Exit 8) 1 minute.
Cannon Street Station: 2 minutes.
Buses 8, 11, 15, 21, 23, 25, 26, 76, 133, 141, 242, 388.



Congratulations! You are just starting to think about a church wedding! For such a special day, we offer a very special place.

A church is so much more than simply a venue for your wedding. Unique and special things become part of your marriage, on the day itself and beyond:-



- A church wedding will add a spiritual dimension to your marriage. The ceremony includes God and looks to him for help and guidance. God's blessing is the main attraction for many couples, whatever their beliefs.
- You can make amazing vows, or promises, in a church. You can only make vows this big in a church. These vows, made in public, will help you to stay together and grow together. God and your church are there for you to help you keep your vows.
- The Priest has a very particular role to play in your wedding. They can blend ancient tradition and modern experience to reflect your story. Because of the relationship with the Priest, your wedding can be made personal, memorable, meaningful and beautiful.
- Church buildings offer outstanding beauty. The Italian sculptor and architect Canova is reputed to have said of St Stephen Walbrook, "we have nothing to touch it in Rome."
- Church buildings offer centuries of history. St Stephen Walbrook was listed by Nicholas Pevsner as being one of the ten most important buildings in England. Imagine all the couples who have married in this church. You can feel you're becoming part of history itself, the bigger plan, by marrying here. We know these sorts of connections can make your day even more special.
- You can be involved in making choices about your ceremony. You can even use the Church of England's online ceremony planner to get you started (see www.yourchurchwedding.org).

- For some people, a church simply seems like the proper place to get married. Churches can be described as 'peaceful', 'serene', or having an atmosphere that makes marrying there a particularly special experience.
- And after your wedding, you'll realise that a church is more than simply a wedding venue. We'll always be here for you.



We are always delighted to hear from couples interested in being married at St Stephen Walbrook. We would love to discuss your needs and see whether we can help, so please telephone or send an email.

The Church of England is historically arranged into geographical parishes, and as the law currently stands, you are entitled to be married in the church of the parish in which you live. Very few people live in the parish of St Stephen Walbrook; so if you would like to be married here, there are some simple formalities that need to be observed to meet the qualifications in other ways.

If you have particular personal or family connections, you may already qualify to marry here. A couple may be married here if either of you can show one of the seven connections with the parish.

That one of you:

- was baptised in the parish or
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish or
- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or

- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months and is on the electoral roll*

or

- That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:
- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months or
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months and been on the electoral roll*

or

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

* The electoral roll is our membership list, made up of those who worship here regularly. People can join the electoral roll once they have attended St Stephen Walbrook regularly for six months, and if they intend to continue doing so.

Alternatively:

- At least one of you needs to attend services regularly for six months and may seek inclusion on the Electoral Roll. It is usual for one of the parties to have been baptised. There are plenty of services to choose from at various times on weekdays.

Because we don't have Sunday services, we can't publish 'Banns of Marriage'. Instead, you'll need to swear an oath saying that there's no reason you shouldn't be married.

There are certain fees, some of which are set by the Church of England for the whole country, and some of which pay for other aspects of the service. These change from time to time, so please ask us.

If you think you may be entitled to marry here the next step is to ring the Priest-in-charge, Jonathan Evens on 0207626900 or email on

priest@ststephenwalbrook.net. He will take contact details and advise whether we can take a booking. Then he will fix a booking interview which will take around an hour to sort out all the paperwork. You will need to bring your passports and proof of address. As things move along we have lots of resources to help you plan your wedding. We aim to make it as easy as possible. Remember, we have done all this before.

Professional photography is permitted in the church during marriage services, by agreement of the Priest-in-Charge. Audio and video recording (including the use of mobile phones) is not permitted in the church without advance written permission. Exceptions can be made a minimum of four weeks in advance by permission of the Priest-in-charge. Licence fees to the musicians will apply to any audio or video recording made of the music in the form of an additional 50% of musicians' fees for audio recording, and an additional 100% of fees for video recording (these licence fees are standard for professional musicians at church services).

The main church seating capacity is around 270, but extra seating (which you would need to hire) can be accommodated up to 350.

All you need to help you plan a personal, meaningful, spiritual and beautiful church wedding can be found on the Church of England's weddings web site (www.yourchurchwedding.org).

