



Getting married in Ely Cathedral

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.
1 John 4:16



Many people choose to have a traditional Church wedding here at Ely Cathedral

A prayer for the gift of love

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Marriage is an important decision in peoples lives and by getting married at Ely Cathedral you are not only making your love for each other public in a magnificent, awe-inspiring building, you are also declaring your love for each other before Almighty God. Getting married in here adds an extra dimension to the vows made in the marriage service and we pray for God's blessing on your future life together.

We are able to offer packages to suit every budget, from a simple, said ceremony for a just few guests, to a spectacular ceremony with bespoke flowers and music performed by our professional cathedral musicians.

We support couples in the planning of the wedding ceremony and spend time discussing the shape of the service itself and what the promises made mean for your future life together.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ELY CATHEDRAL

8.15am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Sung Eucharist
4.00pm	Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ELY CATHEDRAL

7.30am	Morning Prayer
8.00am	Holy Communion
5.30pm	Evensong

What we can offer:

Standard Package

If you are working on a tight budget but still want to marry here, we can offer a simple ceremony to suit your needs. There are a number of smaller chapels in the Cathedral where we can cater for a more intimate ceremony with just a few guests.

Gold Package

This includes wonderful music from our professional Cathedral organists who will play as you enter the Cathedral, during the ceremony and as you leave, and the Cathedral Flower Guild will provide spectacular floral displays just for your wedding day. This feels like a 'big' Cathedral wedding and will usually take place at the High Altar in the Presbytery, which can seat up to 200 guests.



Platinum Package

For those who want the full Cathedral experience, we offer an all-inclusive package to include: spectacular floral displays, Cathedral musicians, and a professional quartet of singers or full choir to lead the worship, as well as permissions for video recording so you can remember your special day for years to come. The weddings take place at the High Altar in the Presbytery, which can seat up to 200 guests.

Hospitality and Reception Venues

We also offer various hospitality packages and unique dining experiences if you are looking for a nearby reception venue. Please ask for more information.



Music

The magnificent organ of Ely Cathedral will bring your ceremony to life. One of our professional organists will play your choice of music as the bride enters the Cathedral, they will play the hymns, and during the signing of the register, and as husband and wife process out of the Cathedral. We can offer advice on suitable music for the space and occasion. If you are looking for a choir to help with the singing we can offer a professional vocal quartet or full choir (Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers).



Flowers for your special day

The highly experienced Cathedral Flower Guild will arrange a number of magnificent displays in the following locations: South Porch, North Transept, Octagon Crossing Pillars, Brass Choir Gates, the High Altar, Christus and the Octagon Altar. There are up to ten floral displays which can be tailor made to your requirements.

Photography

We welcome discreet photography during the wedding ceremony, and you may video the service with the necessary permissions. We like to meet the photographer before the day to offer advice on the best places to stand to capture the magic moments of the ceremony.

Legal Preliminaries

To be married at Ely Cathedral you will have to obtain a Special Licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. To be granted a special licence you must demonstrate a significant connection to this Cathedral Church and fulfil one of our eligibility criteria.

Officiating Ministers

Your ceremony will be taken by one of the resident clergy in the Cathedral or clergy from the Diocese of Ely. They will support you during the planning of your ceremony and help prepare you for the big day.

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Other information you might find useful:
'Getting married in the Church of England' - *frequently asked questions about weddings in church and resources for the service*: www.yourchurchwedding.org

You can contact us for advice, support or further information at any point in the Wedding process and we will be happy to help. Wedding enquiries: 01353 660302