

**ST ANNE'S CHURCH,  
PARISH OF ST ANNE WITH ST FAITH, WANDSWORTH  
APPLICATION FOR BANNS FOR A WEDDING AT ANOTHER CHURCH**

***What are banns?***

A marriage is not a private act and so by law there has to be public notification. For marriages in churches this is done by a public announcement (the “banns of marriage”) on three Sundays before the wedding. This has to happen in the church where the wedding will take place and where either partner live. Then the vicar writes a certificate for the officiating minister to say that the banns have been called and no objections have been raised. (The only valid objections are legal ones, e.g. that one is already married.) If the minister does not receive the necessary certificate the wedding cannot proceed.

***How do I apply for banns to be called?***

To apply for banns to be called at St Anne’s Church you can either come along to the church on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm or you can fill in the form and post it to:

St Anne’s Vicarage  
182 St Ann’s Hill  
London SW18 2RS

***If you are posting a completed form:***

- Make sure you live in the parish (Check with [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or the <http://www.stanneswandsworth.org.uk/streetlist.aspx>)
- Make sure you have left enough time before the wedding for the banns to be called and for the Post Office to deal with forms going to and fro

***Make sure you send:***

- Form completed and signed
- A cheque for £34 to “St Anne’s PCC”
- A stamped addressed envelope for us to send you the certificate. If we do not receive an SAE we shall presume that you will collect it on a Thursday evening.
- If you want us to send a receipt to say we have your form please enclose a second SAE.

***Timing***

Banns are normally called on the first three Sundays of the month before the wedding takes place. So for a July wedding they would be called on the first three Sundays of June. If you would prefer it, we can call them one month sooner but do not go any earlier than that because a banns certificate is valid for only three months. The banns are called at the 10 am service – come along and hear your names in print!

The banns certificate will be ready on the Thursday evening after the last set of banns are called. That is also when certificates will be posted in SAEs.

*If you have left the banns to the last minute, contact the Vicar by phone (020 8874 2809) or the minister at the church where you are getting married.*

***Notes on filling in the form:***

The form gives us the necessary information to call the banns correctly. You just need to remember what you put in the form when you applied to get married. This applies to the tick boxes answering the question: “On what basis are you getting married there”.

“Name” Write your full name clearly. (It’s surprising how many people cannot manage this!)

“Address” remember what you wrote on the marriage application form! If you are using a parent’s address to get married in the other church, then you will need to put it in the relevant box. But at least one of you will have an address in the parish here in Wandsworth.

“How long have you lived here?” This only needs to be a month before the wedding so you can probably give round numbers of months or years.

“Which is your parish church?” This follows from the address above.

Payment (£34 in 2010): cheque to "St Anne's PCC"	Date for publication of banns
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At what church are you getting married? (e.g. St Mary's, Casterbridge, Bassetshire)

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On what date? \_\_\_\_\_

On what basis are you getting married there?

- One of you lives in the parish *him*  *her*
- One or both on the church electoral roll: *him*  *her*
- You have some other qualifying connection: *him*  *her*

<i>Man</i>	<i>Woman</i>
FULL NAME Christian name(s)  Surname	FULL NAME Christian name(s)  Surname
bachelor / widower / previous marriage dissolved (delete as appropriate)	spinster / widow / previous marriage dissolved (delete as appropriate)
Age at date of wedding	Age at date of wedding
Address	Address
How long have you lived here?	How long have you lived here?
Which is your parish church?	Which is your parish church?

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_