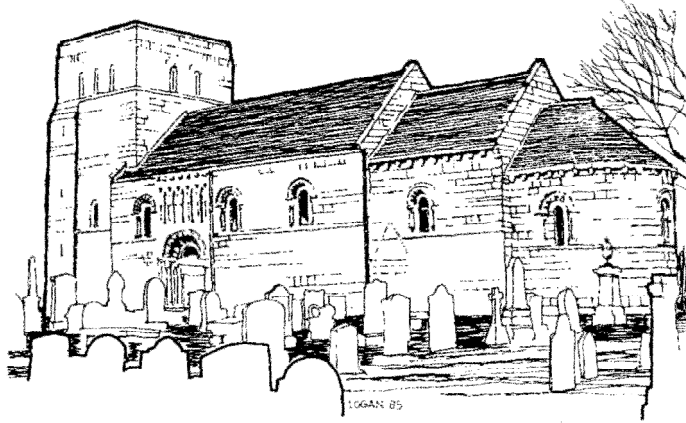


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## GETTING MARRIED IN DALMENY KIRK:

If you are interested in getting married in Dalmeny Kirk, the first thing to do is to meet with one of the ministers to discuss the matter. A minister is normally available in Dalmeny Church Hall on a Tuesday morning between 10.30 and 11.30 am, and in the Dalmeny and Queensferry Church Office which is within the Queensferry Church Church Centre in South Queensferry on Thursday evenings between 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. You don't need to be a member of the Church to be married in Church, but you must be able to take the vows sincerely and as before God. If either of you have been married previously, the Minister will need to know of this and he will want to consider the circumstances before advising you whether you may be married in Church.

### Advice on Preparing for Marriage.

#### Legal Preliminaries

By law both of you are required to submit Marriage Notice Forms to the Registrar of the district in which the marriage is to take place. Birth Certificates (and in some instances certain other documents) must be taken to the Registrar. For a marriage in Dalmeny Kirk the Registrar is in the Council Offices on the Queensferry's High Street. It is recommended that you see the Registrar **SIX** weeks before the wedding. We suggest you phone the Registrar in advance (0131 331 1590) to arrange a mutually convenient time. You should arrange to collect the Marriage Schedule a few days before the wedding.

The Marriage Schedule **MUST** be brought to the wedding, and it is requested that you give it to the minister at the rehearsal. It should be returned to the Registrar within three days of the wedding.

**N.B.** If either or both of you live outside Scotland the regulations may be different. Discuss this with the Registrar well in advance of your intended date.

### **Meeting with the Minister:**

The minister will want to meet with you two or three times before the wedding to discuss details of the service. He may also invite you to attend a Marriage Preparation Class

### **Music**

Unless it is a small wedding, you will probably want music and hymns at the Service. The Minister will arrange an organist for the wedding, but you may wish to meet with the organist to discuss your choice of music.

### **Timing**

It is suggested that ushers arrive at the Church at least 30 minutes before the wedding, the groom and best man about 20 minutes before, bridesmaids 10 minutes before, and the bride 2 or 3 minutes before (to allow time for the official photographer to record her arrival).

### **The Marriage Vows:**

The vows used are normally as follows:-

**Groom:** Before God / and in the presence / of our families and friends, / I ..... / declare my love for you, ..... / and give myself to you / as your husband. / I promise you my love, / my loyalty, / and my trust / for as long as we both shall live.

**Bride:** Before God / and in the presence / of our families and friends, / I ..... / declare my love for you, ..... / and give myself to you / as your wife. / I promise you my love, / my loyalty, / and my trust / for as long as we both shall live.

Alternatively, the Vows can be put in the form of a question -

“Before God and in the presence of your families and friends, do you ....., declare your love for .... etc.” To which the man replies “I do”. The equivalent question is then asked of the bride who makes the same answer.

### **Flowers**

You may wish to decorate the Church with flowers. If so, this should be discussed with the Minister.

Wedding flowers are normally left in the Church for the following Sunday. If however you have other plans for the flowers, let the minister.

### **Photographs and Video Recordings**

You will probably want a number of photographs taken at your wedding, and rightly so. Wedding guests are asked to refrain from taking photographs in Church during the wedding. The minister will give you a note to pass on to your official photographer regarding arrangements for official photographs and recordings.

### **Piper**

You may wish to arrange to have a piper present. If so, he should normally only play at the Kirk Yard gate. This is to avoid the pipes being in conflict with the organ.

## **Fees**

The Kirk Session sets a minimum donation to cover the church costs, and arranges a fee for the organist and duty "Church Officer". The minister will advise you of this, and the normal practice is to hand these to the minister at the rehearsal.

## **Honeymoon Abroad**

If you intend to go abroad after the wedding the bride is advised to arrange to have a passport in her married name. The Minister can advise you how this can be arranged.

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