



## Wedding Guide

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## **Thank you for considering St Andrews Leckie for your special day**

We would encourage you to seek God's blessing on your marriage and to think about coming to our church for the ceremony. For various reasons weddings are sometimes conducted elsewhere but you will find that a church service can be a much more rewarding experience than many other locations.

When you are beginning a new phase in your life and entering into a lifelong commitment this is also a good time to think about your relationship to God and about His Love for us. Regular attendance at church will help you to get to know Him, the Minister and the setting and this will make such a difference on your wedding day. Invite Him not just to the wedding, but into your whole married life together, so that His love and power will shape your home and family.

## **Now to the practical arrangements:**

Before making final arrangements with the hotel or catering, make sure that you have arranged with the Minister the date and time of the wedding so that the church is available for you.



### One month before (or if there has been a previous marriage, 6 weeks)

See the **Registrar** to give notice of marriage. The Registrar will assist you in filling out the proper forms. You will need to take with you **both birth certificates** and, in the case of a previous marriage, any other relevant documents.

The Registrar's office is at the Chambers Institution, High Street, Peebles. Phone 01721 723817 to make an appointment. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm.

At the same time check the arrangements with the Minister so that he can arrange to go through the service with you privately and again at the rehearsal.

### Flowers

Flowers can normally be placed in the church the day before the wedding or by arrangement with the Church Officer. Advice about flowers may be sought from Mrs Nancy Forsyth Tel. 01721 720591.

### Music

Please consult the organist about what music is required and what hymns you have selected. You will find some suggestions on our Booking Form.





## Rehearsal

Everyone involved in the wedding is welcome to come to the rehearsal which is normally held the night before the wedding. It is advisable to bring any children who may be flower girls or page boys.

Please bring with you:

- the **Schedule of Marriage** which you will collect from the Registrars Office
- any fees or donations which are due
- the Hymn Sheets or Orders of Service.

## Photographers

There is no objection to the taking of photographs in the church, even during the ceremony itself but **no flash** should be used. Couples will find that very distracting, and it could well spoil the whole day for them. Photographers are asked not to move about during the ceremony for the same reason.



## On the Big Day and Beyond

### On the Wedding Day

- The Bride should arrive last, but please remember there may be another wedding on that day
- The Groom and Best Man should arrive at least 15 minutes before the ceremony. You should make sure that the **Schedule of Marriage** and the ring or rings are available
- Ushers should arrive 30 minutes before the ceremony begins to greet the guests
- Bridesmaids arrive immediately before the Bride.

### After the Wedding

The Schedule of Marriage should be returned to the Registrar within 3 days.

It is important that you should continue to seek God's help in your married life and we warmly welcome you to any of our services:

- 11am with Crèche and children's Sunday Club
- 6pm Evening Service

### Membership of the Church

Couples do not need to be members in order to be married in church. In our denomination, marriage is not a sacrament. You are simply asking for God's blessing. Please note that it is different when it comes to Baptism or Communion: the 'Christening' or Baptism of children can only take place where one of the parents is a communicant member of the church. If you would like to make enquiries about making a profession of faith, now is a good time to do so, and the Minister would be glad to give advice.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Minister should any problem arise. He will be glad to help if he can.

The following information may be of assistance:

### Minister

Rev Malcolm Jefferson, Mansefield, Innerleithen Road, Peebles.  
Tel. 01721 725148 or email [minister@standrewsleckie.co.uk](mailto:minister@standrewsleckie.co.uk)

### Church Officer

Vince Massie, 7 Waverley Way, Peebles. Tel. 01721 721660

### Church Administrator

Heather Collin (the office is open Monday – Friday 8.30 am – noon).  
Tel. 01721 723121 or email [office@standrewsleckie.co.uk](mailto:office@standrewsleckie.co.uk)

### Website

[standrewsleckie.co.uk](http://standrewsleckie.co.uk)

### Wedding Fees

There is no fee charged for the services of a Church of Scotland Minister. When the Wedding takes place in the Church we ask for a minimum donation of £450 (which includes remuneration for Church Officer and Organist). For families who are already part of our Church community nothing is charged for the Church but both the Church Officer and Organist are eligible for a fee of £60 each. When a wedding is conducted by our Minister at another venue, couples may wish to offer a donation to our church and we would be pleased to offer guidance about this.

We wish you every blessing on your special day. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any further assistance.