



## GETTING MARRIED IN THE CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCHES

### What you need to do first

Make initial contact with the Minister (see below)

Read the notes below

After meeting the Minister, register your intention to marry (see REGISTER OFFICE below)

### MINISTERS

The Rev'd Jenny Dowding

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### Notes

#### Wedding Fees as at April 2016

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| • Minister  | £120.00  |
| • Registration fee/authorised person fee              | £35.00   |
| • Church (including lighting and heating)             | £80.00*  |
| • Organist  | £80.00*  |
| • Flowers (optional)                                  | £70.00** |
| • Flower arranger (this is dependent on availability) | £30.00** |

**\*The booking fee for the Church should be paid 3 months in advance of the date of the Wedding to secure the booking of the Church.** This may be paid by cheque to *Caversham Heights Methodist Church* or *Caversham Methodist Church*, as appropriate, and should be handed to the Minister.

#### **\*\*FLOWERS**

If we are able to provide flowers and an arranger, they will fit in with your wishes and colour schemes, and if you wish to pay for more elaborate displays, you may, of course do so (in which case it is possible a further charge may be made). It is helpful to let the person concerned have some of the relevant dress material.

Flowers are distributed to those in need, or in ill-health, after Sunday worship. Please let us know if there is anyone to whom you wish the flowers to be given.

#### **MUSIC**

The Organist or Minister will be happy to discuss music and hymns with you and if there is any specific music you want (e.g. during the signing of the register), please let the organist know.

#### **REGISTER OFFICE**

You **MUST** register your intention to be married at the Register Office in Reading at least six weeks before the date of your marriage. This can be done at any time, from 12 months before the date of the wedding. One of you **must** reside within the Reading Registration District or else you cannot get married in Caversham.

You will need to take with you to the Register Office: Birth Certificates, and if appropriate, Decree(s) Absolute. They will then give you the blue certificate, which is our legal authorisation to marry you. Please give this certificate to the Minister as soon as it is available. **A Wedding cannot take place without this certificate.**

#### **PREPARATION**

We consider that preparation for marriage is very important. When you discuss the arrangements for your wedding, the Minister will work with you to agree a plan for preparation that is appropriate to your situation. This may involve recommending you to become involved in a group of others who are preparing for marriage.

#### **REHEARSAL**

A Wedding Rehearsal will be arranged in the week before the Wedding itself, on a date to suit you. The Best Man, Bridesmaids and Parents should be present.

