

St Andrew's Brympton – Initial enquiry about a Service of Prayer and Dedication/ Blessing in this church following a Civil Wedding.

Congratulations on your recent marriage!

Many couples who have had a civil wedding decide they would like to dedicate their marriage to God in church soon afterwards. In this 'blessing ceremony', prayers and words of dedication are used throughout which a couple seeking to add a spiritual dimension to their previous marriage ceremony can use. At its heart, a couple declare their desire for God's help and guidance in the years to come.

A husband and wife can have their marriage blessed in church, whether they got married in the UK or abroad. For couples who marry abroad, it can be a way of ensuring more family and friends can celebrate the marriage if they were unable to travel to another country for the legal marriage.

Whilst the church of St Andrew's is located within the grounds of Brympton House it is not part of the estate or wedding venue, being completely separate and independent; as such, couples wishing to be married in the church should firstly be aware that:

- In the first instance you must be able to show you are married by producing a registered copy of your marriage certificate. This will have been issued by the Registrar of your Civil Ceremony, either on the day of the service if before March 2021 or following registration of a Marriage Document following a service conducted after March 2021. A copy of a Marriage Document used to register the marriage and later obtain certificates is not suitable.
- In the second instance any anticipated date can only be agreed after both church availability is ascertained and, most crucially, the services of a Church of England priest engaged by the parish. We cannot agree to any dates before these two matters are arranged.
- The service itself will acknowledge the commitment already made between husband and wife during a civil ceremony and asks for God's blessing and guidance in your new life together.
- Because it is not a marriage service, banns are not required, and there is no signing of the official marriage paperwork during the service.
- The service itself has a cost associated with it, set by the parish, and in Bath and Wells Diocese this is usually the same as the statutory fee for a wedding.

To further your enquiry about having a service of Prayer and Dedication at St Andrew's please fill in the details over the page and return them to the wedding co-ordinator at Brympton House. They will supply your details to the parish representative who will contact you about matters further.

Husband's Details	Wife's Details
Full Name	Full Name

Current Address and Postcode	
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
Date and Place of Civil Wedding	
Date desired for 'wedding blessing'	Time ceremony

Signed	Dated
Full Name	
Signed	Dated
Full Name	