

# Weddings at the Church of St Lawrence, Barlow

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The Church of England is the *established* church, so if one or both of you live in the church parish, the law allows you to be married here. The parish boundaries include:

- Barlow and Commonsides;
- Barlow Lees, Brindwoodgate, Leash Fen, Moorhall, Barlow Grange, Newgate, Bole Hill, Wilday Green, Wellspring;
- Oxtun Rakes is on the border.

The church parish does *not* include Millthorpe or Unthank.

If you *don't* live in the church parish, you may still be married in Barlow church if you can *demonstrate* some attachment to the church—for example:

- if you were baptised here or confirmed from here;
- if you used to live in the parish for at least 6 months;
- if you worshipped here for at least 6 months;
- if your parents or grandparents were married in the church; or
- if you attend services regularly for *at least six months*.

These rules are not invented by the church or by me: they are English ecclesiastical and civil law. Exceptions are made from time to time, for example by being granted a Special Licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury, but this is expensive, and not automatic.

These websites may help:

- <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/lifeevents/weddings/#getmarried>
- <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/youre-welcome/more-churches-to-choose-from.aspx>
- <http://www.oldbramptonchurch.org.uk/Pages/Marriage.html>

I have a legal duty to be satisfied that you can lawfully marry in the church before I can fix the date and time with you. To do that, I need to see *both of you* in person. It speeds things up if you fill in this form, sign it, and bring it with you.

**Please also bring with you photographic proof of identity for both of you.**

Please note:

- If either of you has been married before, and your former husband or wife is still alive, please contact me *immediately*.
- If either of you is not a UK national, please contact me *immediately*. DO NOT WAIT.

In a few cases depending on circumstances, it may be necessary for me to obtain legal advice before I can say yes or no, **so do not make any firm arrangements until I have given a definite go-ahead.**

## **TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PERSON CLAIMING A CONNEXION WITH BARLOW CHURCH**

I, ..... wish to be married to  
..... according to the rites of the  
Church of England in the Parish Church of St Lawrence, Great Barlow, by virtue of my having a qualifying  
connexion with the parish under the Church of England (Marriage Measure 2008), as detailed on the  
following pages. I confirm that the information and answers given in and supplied with this form are  
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed .....

Date .....

The preferred date and time for the marriage is .....

**General information about both of you**

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

**MAN**

Full name .....  
Present home address .....  
.....  
Tel (day) .....  
Tel (evening) .....  
Tel (mobile) .....  
E-mail .....  
Date of birth .....  
Nationality .....

**Have you been married before?** Yes/No  
If yes, (a) When did the marriage end? Give date .....  
(b) How did it end? e.g. divorce, death .....  
(c) Is the other spouse still alive? Yes/No

**WOMAN**

Full name .....  
Present home address .....  
.....  
Tel (day) .....  
Tel (evening) .....  
Tel (mobile) .....  
E-mail .....  
Date of birth .....  
Nationality .....

**Have you been married before?** Yes/No  
If yes, (a) When did the marriage end? Give date .....  
(b) How did it end? e.g. divorce, death .....  
(c) Is the other spouse still alive? Yes/No

*Note: The law also forbids a person who has entered into a civil partnership to enter into a marriage while the civil partnership is still subsisting.*

Are you and your fiancé(e) related by marriage? Yes/No  
Are you and your fiancé(e) connected by marriage? Yes/No  
If your answer is yes to either of these questions, give details

***Only one of the following sections is to be completed by the person claiming connexion with Barlow***

I wish to rely on a connection with the parish through **ONE** of the following:

- I was baptised in the parish according to the rites of the Church of England on ..... at ..... What documentary evidence do you have for this? *Please submit any certificate or other documents with this form*
- I was confirmed according to the rites of the Church of England on ..... by Bishop ..... in ..... church, and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to Barlow Church. What documentary or other information do you have for this? *Please submit any certificate or other documents with this form*
- My parent or grandparent was married in Barlow Church on ..... What documentary or other information do you have for this? *Please submit any copy of an entry in the baptism register, baptism certificate or other documents with this form*
- I have had my usual place of residence in Barlow parish for at least 6 months, from ..... to ..... at ..... What documentary or other information do you have for this? *Please submit any documents with this form*
- My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in Barlow parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime, from ..... to ..... at ..... What documentary or other information do you have for this? *Please submit any documents with this form*
- I have habitually attended public worship at Barlow church for at least 6 months starting .....
- My parent has habitually attended public worship at Barlow church for at least 6 months during my lifetime, from ..... to .....

*Any documents you supply will be returned to you.*

***And finally ...***

Does any of the information on which you are relying to show your connexion with the parish:

- give a name for you which is different from the one you have used on this form; or
- give the surname for any parent or grandparent of yours which is different from your surname as set out on this form?

Yes/No

If yes, please:

- give the previous/other name(s)
- explain how the difference has arisen and
- if the reason for the difference between the names is that you have changed your name, explain when and how the change(s) took place and provide any documentary information (e.g. adoption certificate, marriage certificate, deed poll for change of name)