

## Getting married at Christ Church Spitalfields – Eligibility Criteria

Thank you for your marriage enquiry. Christ Church Spitalfields is a living and active parish church within the Church of England under whose regulations we have to operate with regard to wedding legalities.

Our first priority is to marry those people who are currently members of our church or live within our parish. If at least one of you meet these criteria, you are eligible to marry here under this option.

1. Being a member of our church means you will have joined our electoral roll, to be eligible for this you will have already worshipped with us for 6 months.
2. You can check whether you live in our parish (Christ Church with All Saints, Spitalfields) by going to: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

There are some other ways in which you may be eligible to marry in our church building, if one of you:

- was baptised in the parish.
- was confirmed from this church
- has ever lived in our parish for at least 6 months
- has regularly attended public worship in our church for at least 6 months

Furthermore, you may have historic eligibility if one of your parents:

- lived in the parish for at least 6 months
- regularly attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months
- Or if one of your parents or grandparents married in this church.

We will need evidence of the above before we can agree to a wedding with you.

Whilst we love weddings there are some extra procedures that we would need to explore with you if either of you are a divorcee or a non-British national.