



St John's Church

W e n t b r i d g e

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Flowers at your wedding.

It is fine to decorate the Church for your wedding. The Church does not have florists able to do this, but other local companies such as [Michelles](#) are used to doing wedding flowers in Church.

What is allowed?

Pedestals with flower arrangements are fine. It's normal to have two or three.

It's okay to use plastic flower arrangement holders that clip over the ends of the pews. Large flower pots with box trees are acceptable outside the entrance to the Church, but they can fall over in even moderate winds. It is fine in Wentbridge to have arrangements on the window ledges. If there are candles in them the ushers must take responsibility for lighting them (eg taking their own matches or lighters) and blowing them out. Also, Christmas trees are allowed in season.

What is not allowed?

Ribbons around the pew ends are also fine, though they have a tendency to fall off. Please note that it is unacceptable to use sellotape or drawing pins to attach them.

As Church is a building dedicated to God, some parts of the building are more holy than others because of that happens there: the font, where baptisms happen, the pulpit where the Bible is explained, and the communion table where the bread and wine are consecrated. These special places are not allowed flower arrangements.

When is it usual to do the flower arranging?

It's normal to do the flowers the day before the wedding, but please note that Friday is the vicar's day off and he will not be available to let you in. To gain access to Wentbridge Church your florist needs to contact Maureen Gummerson on 01977 795048, or for Darrington Church Julie Graham on 791099.

After the service can we take the flowers away with us?

Wedding couples are invited to leave flowers in Church as a sign of appreciation, and also the Church congregations can enjoy them. If you do wish to take them away please contact the vicar to let him know in advance and arrange for the ushers to put them in the porch, immediately after the service ends otherwise when the vicar has left and locked the Church you will not be able to get them. If you are getting married in Darrington and are taking the flowers please let Julie Graham know on 791099 for the flower rota so she knows to arrange someone to do Church flowers that week.

Are flowers allowed at any time of year?

Yes, but please be aware that in Lent and Advent flowers are not usually allowed in Church, and are only allowed for your wedding with the vicar's permission.