



St Luke's Church

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A Guide for Wedding Videographers.

We are sorry but video and audio recording of services including wedding services is not permitted.



Can we get a video recording permit?
Permits are available for filming in Church, but not during services. The half an hour before and after a wedding is also prohibited. This is non-negotiable.

Who can we get a permit from?
The vicar issues permits for filming in Church.

Whose decision is it?
This is a decision taken by the Parochial Church Council in 1994 and ratified in 2009. It is a decision they are entitled to take as the local management committee (legally charity trustees) of the churches of Darrington and Wentbridge.

Did they consult anyone?
It was taken after consultation with wedding couples, the Bishops, and the advisor on videography to the Archbishop's Council.

Who can we appeal to?
If this was the Roman Catholic Church you could appeal to the Bishop, Archbishop or Pope, but as it is the Church of England and the Church is locally governed this decision is not subject to appeal to the Bishop or Archbishop.

Will the PCC change their mind?
This issue was discussed in 2009, at a meeting of the PCC, and was passed unanimously, they do not wish to discuss it again, and will not change their minds.

Whose job is it to uphold the decision and why?
The vicar works with the Parochial Church Council in the management and governance of the local church. They have a right to make this decision and it is the vicars responsibility to uphold this and to ask people to stop filming in Church. The vicar would hate having to interrupt a wedding service to ask the father of the bride to stop someone filming.

I am upset that we can't have a video.
The vicar's wife was also upset that she and the vicar could not have a video at their wedding in Darrington Church. She was in tears about it off and on for weeks. They understand what it is to be upset, and hope that this will not upset you or spoil your special day - it did not spoil theirs.

I want my own way!
So did the vicars wife, but as she did not get her own way you are unlikely to get your own way in this instance. The vicar was sorry that his wife was upset and sympathizes with you, while not agreeing that video recording of services is a good idea, even in order to recall the most important part of the service.

Do you have a theological viewpoint to back up this decision?
Worship is something to participate in. There are no onlookers or spectators in Church. If we liken church to a game of football it would be the medieval game where everyone joined in rather than the modern game where two teams play against each other while others watch. Songs of Praise is not worship, very nice though it may be

Why no tripods?
Tripods are not permitted due to health and safety regulations and the danger of tripping in a busy and full church. Monopods however are allowed, but must not be left unattended for health and safety reasons.

Adrian