



Policy Statement on Marriage

Marriage

The PCC has no power to alter the defined legal rights of parishioners, those on the Electoral Roll or those with a qualifying connection to be married at St John's.

1. This PCC does not expect the incumbent to celebrate the marriage of a person who has been divorced.
2. Services of prayer and dedication after a civil service may be offered by the incumbent after consultation, if appropriate, with the Bishop's Office.
3. The PCC would approve petitioning the Bishop for dispensation of second marriage of a divorced person provided that:
 - i) they are members of the worshipping community of at least two years' standing.
 - ii) the incumbent believes they have a worthy case for asking the Bishop for dispensation ([see appendix](#))
 - iii) that they are married by Superintendent Registrar's Certificate and not by banns.
4. A service of prayer and dedication will include whatever elements the couple choose from that service, e.g. music, flowers, bells, photographs, private or public.