

Qualifying connections Q&A

Q. Am I allowed to get married at St. Mary's?

A. Yes, as long as one of you has a connection with the parish. A 'connection' means:

- One of you lives within the Parish or has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months
- One of you worships regularly at St. Mary's
- One of you was baptised in a Church of England service in the Parish
- One of you was prepared for confirmation in a Church of England service within the Parish
- One of you has at any time regularly (i.e. at least once a month) attended a normal church service at St. Mary's for a period of at least 6 months
- One of your parents, at any time after you were born, has lived in the Parish for period of at least 6 months, or has regularly gone to normal church services at St. Mary's for a period of at least 6 months
- One of your parents or grandparents was married at St. Mary's

Q. What if neither of us has a qualifying connection, but we still want to explore getting married at St Mary's?

A. There is one option open to you: qualifying by attendance. You can create a qualifying connection by attending a church service at St Mary's together, at least once a month for at least six months before the wedding.

Here is an example: If you want to get married in July, you would attend at least once a month from January to June.