



St Columba's Church of Scotland

Marriage Brochure 2025

*God is love, and those who live in love live in God,
and God in them. (1 John 4:6)*

St. Columba's Church of Scotland
Pont Street, London, SW1X 0BD
Website: www.stcolumbas.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 236173

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St Columba's is located on Pont Street in Knightsbridge in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, The Church is within easy reach of three London Underground stations – Knightsbridge (Piccadilly Line), South Kensington (Piccadilly, Circle and District Lines) and Sloane Square (Circle and District Lines)



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General Info and Amenities:

- Toilets: There are 2 disabled, 4 female and 3 male toilets in the building – There are all situated in the basement (lift available)
- Parking: We are unable to provide parking. The Church is in both the London Congestion Charge and ULEZ zones. You can park using the residents parking bay after 6.30pm
- We are unable to offer hall hire on Friday evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays
- Guest Wifi available
- Hall Hire available from 9am to 11pm – *Music must be stopped by 10.30pm and halls must be vacated and cleaned by 11pm*

Accessibility – please contact the office with your requirements prior to your event

There is currently no step-free access from the street to the church

Stairlift is available from the side door (on Lennox Gardens) – Manual wheelchairs only, Maximum 150 kilos, Platform 64cm x 69cm – We have manual wheelchairs available – Please ask for the ramp to access the stairlift

Lift is available from the entrance hall to basement (Lower Hall) and Sanctuary

Upper Hall is currently not accessible

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The Ministers and Congregation of St Columba's are delighted that you are thinking about getting married at St Columba's. There is much to plan and consider before final decisions are made. Our overall aim is to help you make your wedding day happy and holy, memorable and meaningful.

First Steps

Request and complete a Marriage Application Form from the Church Office or download it online at www.stcolumbas.org.uk. Indicate your preferred date(s). Once the form has been submitted to the church office, one of the ministers will be in touch with you to organise a time to meet with you as a couple. This meeting is an informal opportunity for the minister to get to know you and vice versa and for you to ask any questions that you may have.

The minister will explain the necessary legal procedure and the content of the marriage service. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions. It is expected that one of our ministers will officiate and be in sole charge of the service. The involvement of other ministers is possible but should be discussed well in advance.

The Building

Your wedding can be large or small, elaborate or simple. The main church easily accommodates up to 500 guests. Alternatively, the London Scottish Regimental Chapel offers a lovely intimate space for up to 50 guests.

St Columba's has lift and ramp access and disabled toilet facilities. The church is fitted with an induction loop system for those who use hearing aids.

Legalities

It is a strict legal requirement that notices of marriage should be given to the Registrar of Marriages in the registration districts in which both the bride and groom live. You will find your local registry office online or in the telephone directory. The Registrar will issue the Certificates of Permission to Marry. Once these have been issued please lodge them with the Church Office for safekeeping. The wedding service cannot go ahead without these documents.

Beadle

There will be a beadle on duty the day of your wedding. The Beadle is there to assist the minister before, during and after the ceremony, calm a nervous bride, explain to your ushers where they may direct your guests, operate the microphones and ensure that everything runs smoothly.

Ushers and Seating

There may be no need to think about seating. If you are having a small wedding you may want your guests to sit where they feel comfortable. On the other hand, you may want to think about a seating plan beforehand. By custom the bride and her family/friends sit on the left hand side of the church (looking towards the communion table/front of the church) and the groom and his friends and family on the right. During the service the bride and groom will sit side by side on chairs on the lectern side of the church.

Each pew can sit eight adults comfortably. We encourage the attendance of children. If they wish children are welcome to use the Children's Corner at the back of the church accompanied by an adult.



Music For Your Wedding

St Columba's has a fantastic organist, professional choir and access to other fabulous musicians. Music can be arranged with our Director of Music, Mr Ben Lewis-Smith. He will consult you on music you would like before, during and after the service.

Some things to consider are;

- a) What music would you like before the service?
- b) What music would you like for the bride to enter to and leave by?
- c) What hymns, if any, would you like?
- d) What music would you like during the signing of the register?

Photography & Filming

We request that there is no photography during the service. Due to copyright law, if you wish to film the service this will increase the musical fees. This must be arranged in advance.

Flowers

You are more than likely to have flowers in the church for your wedding. Whilst we appreciate the donation of flowers after the event, we ask for only one pedestal to be left and if you have more than one in the church, the rest to be collected before the Sunday morning service.

Our recommended florists:

Lalage Barran – 02086752277/ 07974160617 lalage.barranflowers@gmail.com

Sophie Hanna– 07973814886/ sophie@sophiehannhaflowers.com

However, you are more than welcome to use your own.
Florists can confirm with the church office when they can gain access to complete arrangements.





Reception & Hospitality at St Columba's

A wedding does not have to be the most expensive event ever! We can offer our excellent halls (Lower & Upper) at substantially cheaper rates than most alternative venues. Please speak with the church office if you want to discuss this in more detail to request our Space Hire Brochure.



Our Upper Hall



Our Lower Hall

Transport & Parking

Sloane Square (Circle & District Lines), South Kensington (Piccadilly, Circle & District) and Knightsbridge (Piccadilly) are the closest tube stations to the church. If your wedding is taking place on a weekend it is worth checking that there are no planned closures on the local lines. Parking at St Columba's is very limited. There is limited Pay & Display bays space neighbouring the Church; £4 per hour with a two hour maximum time limit. There are four Pay & Display bays in Milner Street which have a four hour limit. There is an NCP car park on Cadogan Place, SW1X 9SA.

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Costs for non-members of St Columba's Church

Use of St Columba's Church when the persons concerned are NOT members of St Columba's.

When the service is in the Church:	£679.00
When the service is in the Chapel:	£210.00
Minister's Fee:	£210.00
Marriage certificate {per copy}	£7.00

Donations/Fees

Please note that there is no fee for members of St Columba's for the Minister or Associate Minister. However, you may consider giving a donation to "The Minister's Discretionary Fund". This provides funds to be used for events/activities that enhance the cultural and spiritual life of St Columba's but cannot be funded by congregational funds i.e. for a visiting speaker or concert recital. Should you wish for a collection to be made at the end of the service in aid of St Columba's or a charity of your choice, please make the Ministers aware when you meet with them.

Music

Organist:	£250.00
Singers	£135.00 (per singer)
Trumpeter	£200.00
Other musicians can be arranged upon request and for an extra fee.	
Beadle's Fee	£130.00
Live Stream Team	£100.00

(livestream depends on team availability so we cannot guarantee this option)

Please note: Musicians Fees are doubled if any form of recording/video is made or if the service is Livestreamed – this must be agreed in advance

We will send an invoice for the wedding service one month ahead of the service for payment. Payment must be processed before the date of the service.

Rehearsals

In normal circumstances a rehearsal will be held in the Church the day before the wedding.

Contacts

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Claudette Dawkins
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Doggart & Squash Catering - Contact: Ellie Acfield
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