



**WALBURY BEACON**  
BENEFICE

Combe, Hamstead Marshall, Inkpen, Kintbury with Avington, West Woodhay



ST SWITHUN'S, COMBE - Wedding Fees and Information 2026

Please see the current fees below to give you a guide for your service.

Statutory fee Church of England Wedding service (2026) 566.00

Fees for reading of banns £39.00

**If either of you do not live in the Walbury Beacon Benefice, banns will also need to be read in your home church.**

Fee payable to your home church for banns to be read £39.00

Certificate of banns 20.00

### **Optional facilities & fees**

The support of a Verger: Included in the Price.

Church Heating (Oct-May) or if required at other time of year - £50.00

Organist - £130.00 – this may vary upon the Organist you book.

Bells Included in the price – these do need to be Requested.

**We ask for a pre-payment of £100.00 to book your wedding**, for which we will invoice following receipt of a completed banns form.

ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH, COMBE

Address: St Swithun, Combe, RG17 9EJ

**Church capacity:** 90-120.

If you use just the nave, it will seat 80-90. If you include the choir and the vestry it will hold 120.

### **Optional Facilities and Fees for Special Services**

We are pleased to offer, should you require them, the following services:

**The Support of a Verger** who will meet you before the day and discuss with you such matters as your preferred seating arrangements and any special needs that you or others who are coming may have, and to agree the help that can be given on the day.

**Church Heating** with radiators and/or wall heaters can be provided. It must be booked in advance with a minimum of 24 hours' notice.

**Parking.** With permission of the landowner, suitable parking close to the church and able to accommodate many vehicles can be made available.

**Bells.** Combe has three bells which can be rung at your request.

**Flowers.** Assistance with flower arrangement may be possible. But please note that during Lent and Advent flowers should be removed following the service.

**Photography and Video.** Please ask your photographer/videographer to check with the member of clergy before the service as to where it is appropriate to stand, etc. Photographs are welcome during the service and of the signing of the Marriage Document after it has been signed but we do ask that flash photography is not used and silent shutters.

**Confetti** – Biodegradable only please, at the church gates.

**Organist and Music.** An organ and organists are available, however organising this is your responsibility.

Please contact one of the following as soon as your date is confirmed:

Mr Howard Paynter Email: [howardpaynter@hotmail.com](mailto:howardpaynter@hotmail.com)

Mr Andy Stancliffe Email: [harnham@gmail.com](mailto:harnham@gmail.com)

**For further support, help and guidance on planning your Wedding, please see this link:**

<https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

**Please note that for all optional extras except organ music, your first point of contact (which should be made as soon as possible after you decide to proceed) is either of the Churchwardens who are:**

Katherine Astor: Email: [Katherine@kirby-house.co.uk](mailto:Katherine@kirby-house.co.uk) Tel: 01488 668284

Tina Fiertz: Email: [tina@fiertz.com](mailto:tina@fiertz.com) Tel: 07785 928454

### **Planning for your service**

We will notify you as soon as we can as to which member of our clergy team will be conducting your service. They will then contact you to discuss the planning of the service and advice on hymns, readings and what a printed order of service should contain.

**Rehearsal**

The most important people are the Bride and Groom, but others involved in the ceremony, such as best man, chief bridesmaid, and whoever may be giving away the bride, are also very welcome. The member of clergy conducting your service will arrange a rehearsal in church with you and this will normally take place in the week before your wedding day.

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