2008 Marriage Measures

Who qualifies to marry in your parish?

One of the couple

- is resident in the parish
- is on the electoral roll of the parish
- was baptised in the parish
- was prepared for confirmation in the parish
- has at any time lived in the parish for at least 6 months
- has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

One of the parents of one of the couple

- lived in the parish for at least 6 months during their child's lifetime
- habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months during their child's lifetime

The parent or grandparent of one of the couple was married in the parish.

Just What I Needed

For Common Licence
Diocesan Registrar Martin Follett
Tel: 01392 687415
Email: mjf@michelmores.com

Or deanery surrogate

For Archbishop's Special Licence
Faculty Office, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JT
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If you would like **more information or ideas,** contact us
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The Small Print…

Details of the evidence required for qualification can be found at:
http://www.cofe.anglican.org/info/socialpublic/marriagefamily/marriageanddivorce/marriagemeasure/cemmguidance.pdf

When there is a qualifying connection
Banns are used:
Remember – banns need to be read in the parish where couple are to be married and where each is resident

If there is no qualifying connection but clergy are happy to marry the couple it is the couple's responsibility to provide clergy with one of the folllowing :

A Common Licence—key facts

- Reside in the parish for 15 days and nights immediately before affidavit
- Affidavit must be sworn in front of Diocesan Registrar or surrogate
- 2010 Fee £85

B Superintendent Registrar's Certificate—key facts

- Reside in the parish for 7 days and nights
- Apply to Registrar and wait 14 days
- 2010 Fee £60 - £30 each – 2 separate applications needed

C Archbishop's Special Licence

- No residency requirement but it is a privilege not a right
- Can be applied and granted up to 18 months in advance but usually the licence will not be issued until a couple of weeks before the wedding
- Valid for 3 months from date of issue
- 2010 Fee - £175 (+£5 fee for clergy witnessing the affidavit)

Further information about how to obtain these licences is available on the Truro Diocese Website.

THINK FURTHER:
If either of the couple are foreign nationals, particularly if they are not from the EU, USA, Canada, Australia or South Africa (where it can be assumed that a C of E marriage will be recognised) it is advisable to consult the Diocesan Registrar.

For more information about making the most of Marriage Preparation ideas and opportunities contact FLAME (01872 274351 ext 205)