



Marriage Preparation

Great News! A third of couple marrying in Cornwall this year will come to a Church of England church for the ceremony.

Mission Opportunity - to welcome the couple, their family and friends into the church community. Building a relationship with the couple may open doors for them to come to faith in the future.

Social Responsibility - a married couple is more than twice as likely to stay together than a cohabiting couple but divorce rates are still high. Helping couples to understand the pressures they may face and providing them with skills to cope when the relationship is strong has been shown to help more than intervention when the relationship is failing. Marriage preparation is a great opportunity and statistically most necessary for those who have been cohabiting.

Legal Duty - to explain the doctrine of marriage and the need of grace to fulfil the obligations

Can we help you provide great Marriage Preparation?

**Just
What I
Needed**

Bristol Community Family Trust :

<http://www.bcft.co.uk/>

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Family Trust: Stepping Stones

01872 274351 ext 205

FOCCUS

<http://www.affinities.org.uk>

Just?Married

01872 274351 ext 205

The Marriage Course

<http://www.htb.org.uk/family-life/marriage-course>

21st Century Marriage

www.careforthefamily.org.uk

If you would like **more information or ideas**, contact us

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Bristol Community Family Trust	Listening, Loving, Laughing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officially secular but based on Christian values 3 sessions or 1 day course—DVD and booklets available Skills based, pair and group discussion and exercises 	
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Family Trust	Stepping Stones Facilitator available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officially secular but based on Christian values 1 day course – 4-5 hours Skills based, pair and group discussion and exercises 	
FOCCUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a course – but a research based online questionnaire that couples complete separately and then meet with a mentor to talk through their responses Optional faith based section Offers insight into strengths and weaknesses of the relationship 	
Just ? Married	Facilitator available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In pilot stage – available in Truro Diocese Christian, in values and content but designed for non-Churched couples 5 sessions or 1 day Concept based, practical advice, pair discussion and exercises Seeks to provide a bridge between non-church going families and the church community. 	
The Marriage Course	Holy Trinity Brompton (Alpha church)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian values but secular content Designed to be suitable for non-church couples 8 sessions – DVD available Concept based with practical advice, pair and group discussion and exercises Marriage Preparation Version also available 	
21st Century Marriage	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DVD and workbook produced in 2007 but has been revamped 2009 Christian organisation but no explicit Christian content as seeking to have material used in secular environments 8 sessions – each based on short talk from Rob Parsons or his wife based on their experiences Concept based, individual response and discussion based 	