

**The Lakeside Group Ministry
Chew Magna, with Dundry, Norton Malreward and Stanton Drew
and Chew Stoke with Nempnett Thrubwell**

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals

How do I ...



...arrange a wedding?

Congratulations on your engagement! Getting married in church is a joyful occasion with great depth and meaning, as two people become one in the sight of God. Come and make your marriage vows before God and your family and friends, and seek God's blessing on your future life together. We conduct weddings in all six churches.

Early each year we hold a marriage preparation day for all couples. Whether you are to marry here, or live in our area but are marrying elsewhere, you will be made most welcome at our next one.

To marry here, there are certain requirements you must meet. They are a little bit complicated, but briefly, you must fulfil one of these criteria:

- live in one of the six parishes now
- worship regularly at one of our churches *or*
- be willing to start doing so regularly for at least six months
- have lived or had a family connection with the parish in the past.

We will send clear guidance to you if you decide to go ahead.

Please contact the Group Administrator by phone (01275 331061) or by clicking <http://lakesidegroup.org.uk/contact-us/> if:

- you would like to be married in one of our churches
- if you need to organise having your Banns read here because you live in our area but are marrying elsewhere
- If you would like to know more about our marriage preparation day

Find out more about weddings in the Church of England here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/weddings-baptisms-funerals/weddings.aspx>



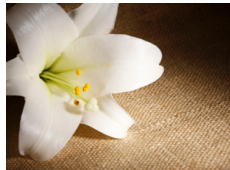
...arrange a Baptism / Christening?

Baptism (sometimes referred to as Christening) is the Christian symbol of commitment, where a person makes a solemn promise to follow Christ day by day, and marks the start of a lifelong journey. It reminds us of God's amazing commitment to us, shown supremely when Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and greed. It reminds us of God's call on our lives – to live for him, and not for ourselves.

People of all ages are baptised, including babies and young children. Baptism takes place within regular Sunday worship services, so that the candidate can be welcomed into the church. Generally, we offer baptism to people who live within the parishes or are regular worshippers at one of our churches, but there can be exceptions to this, which you would need to discuss with a member of the clergy. If you would like to know more, please contact the Group Administrator by phone (01275 331061) or by clicking <http://lakesidegroup.org.uk/contact-us/>

Find out more about baptism in the Church of England here:

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...arrange a funeral?

If you are contacting us because someone in your family or close to you has died, please accept our prayerful condolences. The first few hours and days after the death of a loved one can be numbing and confusing.

If you haven't done so already, you will need to make contact with a local funeral director and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for you.

If you would like to hold a funeral service in one of our churches, or for one of our staff team to conduct a funeral at a crematorium, please contact the Group Administrator by phone (01275 331061) or click <http://lakesidegroup.org.uk/contact-us/>

Find out more about funerals in the Church of England here:

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We will be praying for you at this sad time. Follow this link for a selection of prayers you may find helpful:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/weddings-baptisms-funerals/funerals/prayers-and-psalms.aspx>