



Criteria for Marrying in Newport Cathedral.

With the Cathedral ceasing to be a parish church in May 2021, all marriages in the Cathedral can only take place after a Special Licence granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury through his Faculty Office in Westminster. Previous parishioner rites have been transferred to the successive Ministry Area.

While the granting of a Special Licence is at the discretion of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the following criteria should in most circumstances be accepted.

- Current members of Cathedral Chapter, former members of the Chapter who completed at least one full term of office, and children of these.
- Those whose names are entered on the Cathedral Electoral Roll and children of these. Eligibility for this is that the person concerned must attend Cathedral Services a minimum of once per month for a continuous period of six months (not just six times). Any service of public worship applies.
- Clergy who would otherwise be eligible to be on the Cathedral Roll and children of these.
- Current members of staff of the Cathedral and former members of staff of longstanding (five or more years), and children of these.
- Former choristers and current adult singers of the Cathedral Choir or former adult singers of longstanding (five or more years).
- Former Altar Servers and former members of the Cathedral Sunday School (or similar project for children).
- Those who have been baptised in the Cathedral or were prepared for confirmation through the Cathedral, where they were a regular member of the congregation.
- Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Marriage is only permissible between a man and a woman in the Church in Wales and further marriages are always considered separately.

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