

# Getting Married at Bolton Priory

Bolton Priory welcomes all those who wish to get married at this beautiful parish church on the Devonshire Estate at Bolton Abbey.

We conduct a large number of weddings every year and would love to enable you to make your marriage vows in the sight of Almighty God.

You can marry at Bolton Priory if you can show that one of you:

- has at any time lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- was baptised (christened) in the parish concerned, or
- is confirmed and your confirmation was entered in the register of confirmations for a church in the parish, or
- has at any time regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

**or**

That one of your parents, at any time after you were born:

- has lived in the parish for a period of at least 6 months, or
- has regularly gone to normal church services in the parish church for a period of at least 6 months

**or**

That one of your parents or grandparents:

- was married in the parish

You have to be over 18 to marry in the United Kingdom.

When it comes to worshipping “regularly”, at the Priory we ask for a commitment to attend church services for **a minimum of once a month** from the time your wedding is agreed. Failure to fulfil this obligation (where required) will result in the service being postponed or cancelled as this is a legal requirement.

At this moment in time, we are unable to marry or bless same-sex couples. However, at any time, you are welcome to come and pray with us or ask us to pray for you. We seek to be fully inclusive at Bolton Priory but can only act in accordance with Canon Law as it currently stands.

## Making an enquiry

If you wish to enquire about getting married at Bolton Priory, please send an email to the parish administrator at [office@boltonpriory.org.uk](mailto:office@boltonpriory.org.uk) You will then be sent a booklet called "Planning your wedding" which will further help you with making your decision and the necessary arrangements for your wedding. Where possible, every couple who are getting married will meet with the Rector and the parish administrator well before the wedding.

