



"Are we eligible to get married in one of the Upper Thames Group churches?"

You can marry in one of the Upper Thames Group churches 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 or chapel in the parish (this will usually be the case if you were prepared for confirmation 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

If you cannot demonstrate any of the above connections, you could create one, simply by attending your chosen church's usual services at least once a month for six consecutive months. If you decide to do this, leave enough time after your attendance for the banns to be read before your wedding too – about another two months should be enough.

Declaration of Eligibility

Names of Bride and Groom:

Wedding Date:

Church:

Please tick as appropriate:

Either:

I/We declare that we are eligible to be married in the above-named church for the following reason(s):

Or:

I/we undertake to attend an Upper Thames Group church service at least once a month for six consecutive months in order to be eligible to be married in the above-named church. We will complete the six months with at least two months to go before our wedding to allow for the banns to be read. (*Attendance will be registered on separate sheet*).

Signed (Bride):

Signed (Groom):

Signed (Upper Thames Group Minister):

Date:

