

**ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-WOOD ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
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## **FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER**

### **PHOTOGRAPHS AT WEDDING CEREMONIES**

The celebration and blessing of marriage is a solemn act of worship. For this reason, we will ensure that your wedding is celebrated with reverence and dignity and also with joy and happiness as befits such an important occasion. A wedding ceremony is primarily a religious act rather than a private family event. The taking of photographs during the Service tends to obscure this fact and is thus not compatible with its religious and sacramental nature. Therefore, the following regulations **apply to professional photographers as well as guests** at St. Francis-in-the-Wood:

- (i) Photographs are permitted during the Bridal Procession at the beginning of the Service. The photographer may crouch next to the front pew but **MUST NOT STAND IN THE AISLE**. As soon as the bridal party has passed by, the photographer must retire to the back of the church.
- (ii) No other photographs may be taken during the ceremony except from the back of the church and **WITHOUT** flash. This applies to the exchange of vows, and the giving of the ring(s), but not the signing of the register when photographs may be taken.
- (iii) When the bridal party leaves the church photographs may be taken from the rear of the church only.
- (iv) Photographs may be taken after the ceremony inside the church. Particular moments (e.g. signing the register) may be re-enacted as the bride and groom wish.
- (v) Video taping of the service may be done from the gallery provided no lighting is used.
- (vi) Since other weddings may follow, no more than 20 minutes should be taken up for photographs after the Service. Parking space is limited and incoming guests are inconvenienced if parking spaces are still full.

These regulations are designed to help make the wedding a rewarding experience for everyone present so that you may fully enter into the experience and not simply have a set of photos of you missing it! The minister who conducts the wedding will be happy to clarify any of these matters, or to deal with specific requests regarding the ceremony. Photographers who fail to comply with these regulations will not be given future permission to act for weddings at St. Francis-in-the-Wood.