



## St Peter and St Paul, Seal

The Vicarage,  
Church Street,  
Seal,  
TN15 0AR

### Floral arrangements for weddings

We are happy to welcome florists (amateur or professional) to arrange flowers for weddings in the church, **providing** the following rules are adhered to.

1. Floral arrangements **MAY NOT** be put
  - on the altar (*we use this for signing the registers*)
  - on the table on the right hand side of the lectern (*to protect against watermarks*)
  - on the piano
  - on the heaters (*even if they are not in use*)
  - on the font
  - by the chancel steps, unless they are very small (*they will obstruct the priest's view of the congregation and block the way to the pulpit and lectern*)
  - on the right hand side of the altar (*they get in the way at the signing of the register and during the services on Sunday*)
2. Floral arrangements **MAY** be put in any of the following locations (but please don't feel you have to put flowers in all of them - a few floral arrangements will be quite enough!)
  - at the back of the church
  - on the **left hand** (north) side of the altar, on the wooden stand provided (*to protect the brass effigy on the floor*)
  - on the ends of pews
  - on the pillars – (*please fasten arrangements using plastic covered wire*)
  - around the door frame in the porch
  - on the windowsills in the church and the porch
  - in the Lady chapel

If you have ideas for decorations in other locations please ask. We want to help if we can. Please see overleaf for a rough plan of the church.

3. Blu-tak, sellotape and drawing pins must not be used on walls, pews or other furniture.
4. Please contact the priest in charge to check when it would be convenient for you to arrange your flowers. The church is normally open during the day, but may be in use for another service. If you think you may need to be there after 5pm, please arrange this in advance, so that someone can lock up after you have gone. On Wednesdays there is always a service at 11am lasting about 30 minutes.
5. We are happy for you to leave floral arrangements in the church after the wedding, and encourage you to do so, so that the congregation on Sunday can enjoy them. However during Lent (the six weeks before Easter) and Advent (the five weeks before Christmas) the church is kept bare of flowers. If the wedding is taking place during Lent or Advent, therefore, please arrange to remove the flowers straight after the service.
6. If you wish to remove some floral arrangements for the reception you may do this. However, a condition of our permission to decorate the church is that you leave **AT LEAST ONE PEDESTAL** of flowers by the altar, as our flower arrangers will not have time after the wedding to do an alternative arrangement for the Sunday services. (This does not apply during Lent and Advent – see 6.above)
7. Please turn off the water tap firmly after use!
8. Please sign Part 1 of the agreement attached and return the agreement to me for counter signature **well in advance of the wedding. Until you receive the counter-signed form I have not given permission for you to arrange flowers in the church. Flowers arranged without prior agreement or in contravention of the conditions above may be removed.**

Anne Le Bas, Priest in Charge

