



Changes in the law about marriage in church.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE 2008

This new legislation allows couples opportunity to marry in a church which has special significance for them, even though it is not where they live, without applying for a special licence. The changes will mean an engaged couple are welcome to be married in church in a parish if just one of these applies:

- One of them was baptised or prepared for confirmation in the parish;
- One of them has ever lived in the parish for six months or more;
- One of them has at any time regularly attended public worship in the parish for six months or more;
- One of their parents has lived in the parish for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- One of their parents has regularly attended public worship there for six months or more in their child's lifetime;
- Their parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

(All of these refer to Church of England services)