

Marriage Surrogates

From 1 July 2021 only British, Irish or those foreign nationals who have EU Settled or Pre-Settled Status referencing “EU exit settlement agreements” are classed as ‘*relevant nationals*’ under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). Therefore, if both members of the couple are relevant nationals, they may be married by Common Licence. (Please see our separate note about Common Licence applications for further details.)

Marriage Surrogates

Marriage Surrogates deal with Common Licence applications for marriages where, for one reason or another, banns are not appropriate (for example, one or both of the couple are living overseas; or banns have not been read in the correct parish(es) due to oversight or error; or there are pastoral reasons for not calling banns).

Please see the list below of surrogates located across the diocese who may be able to assist with applications.

Berkshire

Burghfield
Hungerford
Theale (Archdeacon)
Tilehurst
Reading

The Revd Glynn Lautenbach
The Revd Mike Saunders
The Ven Stephen Pullin*
The Revd Liz Ratcliffe
The Revd Canon Brian Shenton

Buckinghamshire

Little Kimble
Haddenham
High Wycombe
Amersham
Shenley Church End
Taplow

The Revd Canon Tim Harper
The Ven Cassa Messervy*
The Revd Canon Christopher Bull
The Revd Deiniol Heywood
The Revd Tim Norwood
The Revd Jane Cresswell

Oxfordshire

Abingdon (Archdeacon)
Bicester
Chadlington
Dorchester
Kidlington
Letcombe Regis

The Ven David Tyler *
The Revd Peter Wright
The Revd Mark Abrey
The Revd Jane Willis
The Revd Preb Jane Haslam
The Revd Mary Harwood

New Marston
North Leigh
Oxford (Archdeacon)
Oxford
Oxford
Oxford (Registry Manager)
Oxford (Diocesan Registrar)
Shipton-under-Wychwood
Wantage Downs

The Revd Elaine Bardwell *
The Revd Canon Margaret Dixon
The Ven Jonathan Chaffey *
The Revd Anthony Buckley
The Revd Canon Peter Groves
Miss Sara Leader
Mr Darren Oliver
The Revd Canon Sarah Sharp
The Revd John Durant

* denotes Archdeaconry Marriage Surrogates who can only see people getting married in their archdeaconry. All others are Diocesan Marriage Surrogates who can see people getting married throughout the diocese.

Emergency Situations

If an emergency Common Licence is required, please contact Sara Leader on 01865 297211 for assistance.

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