

The Law on getting married in an Anglican Church in Wales

1. Anyone who lives in the parish (and who has not previously been married) may marry in their local parish church. You do not need to be baptised/christened.
2. Anyone who is on the electoral roll of a parish (and has not been previously married) may marry there, regardless of where they live.
3. To get on the electoral roll, a person must be baptised, regularly attend worship for at least six months, not be on another parish electoral roll, and take holy communion.
4. Anyone who has been previously married must contact their local church and ask about their options; each parish will have its own practice guided by its parish vicar.
5. In addition, there are now (following a change in the law in 2010) a series of qualifying connections that enable people to marry in a parish where they do not live. If you think any of the following apply, please contact the vicar, but you must understand this is simply a guide. In all cases it is presumed that neither party has been previously married – or number 4 (above) takes precedence. In addition to the usual qualifications, it may also be possible to marry in a parish church:
 - anyone who was baptised in that parish
 - anyone who was confirmed in that parish and had their confirmation entered in that parish's register
 - anyone who has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in that parish for at least six months
 - anyone who has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish church for at least six months
 - anyone whose parent has at any time (during the person's lifetime) had their usual place of residence within the parish for at least six months
 - anyone whose parent has at any time (during the person's lifetime) habitually attended public worship in the parish church for at least six months
 - anyone whose parent or grandparent was married in the parish church
6. Anyone who has had a civil marriage (*not* a civil partnership ceremony) may ask for a service of blessing at a church; there are no rules for this, they come entirely within a vicar's discretion and the availability of the church.