



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. The change in the law regarding banns in 2008 applies **only** in England and not, sadly, in Wales.
6. However: the changes in the English law in 2008 may be applicable in Wales via an Archbishop's Licence (for which there is a charge, but no guarantee of success). This allows a person with a strong link to a parish but who no longer lives there to apply for a licence to marry there. Contact the vicar if you would like to discuss this – but it only applies if you have a genuine link (via residence of yourself or parents within the parish, or if you or your parents have worshipped at a church, or if you were baptised or confirmed in that church or if your grandparents were married there) and if both of you are baptised/christened and neither of you have been previously married. Clear?! Contact the vicar for details.
7. 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.