

Banns card

“Come and get a feel for the place and be prayed for”

“I found something I really wasn’t expecting: something the reverend said [during the reading of their banns on Easter Day] really struck a chord. My wife calls it my ‘spiritual awakening’. It’s something I’d like to go back and follow up on.”

- Male, who describes himself ‘in the skeptic camp’, Bucks



The Weddings Team found some clerical ambivalence about banns in the early consultation days of the Project. Some clergy felt that banns were ‘medieval’ and had limited usefulness in today’s mobile England. But just about every vicar we spoke to did **pray for each couple** when reading the banns and some used the **opportunity to invite** the couple to church.

So the Weddings Team produced a banns invitation card as part of its series of specialist invitational resources.

Banns and photos: an idea

One Solihull church projects photos of the couple(s) when they read the banns and pray for them...

...then it’s the job of the young people in the church to hunt for them after the service and get them a cup of tea

How to use the banns card

Enter the couple’s details in your online wedding diary at www.diary.yourchurchwedding.org

Make sure the email reminder for the banns card is ticked.

By default, your weddings diary will remind a card you four months the wedding, i.e. one month earlier than the earliest date. If you want to be reminded later, just override the default date and click ‘update’.

This banns card offers a space to write the three dates when the couple’s banns are read, and the name of the church.

The card can be sent just as easily from the marrying church and the home church.