

## Congratulations card

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### “We’re here for you”

*“We have not heard from our vicar but we’d like to hear from him.”*

- Married two months, Bucks

*“I have written to them since but we have not received anything from the church.”*

- Married four months, Bradford

*“It would be nice if they got in touch a month after the wedding to see how you are.”*

- Couple, Bucks



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There is a ‘warm glow’ after a wonderful church wedding experience. But this glow quickly fades if not quickly and actively sustained. After the wedding, couples may return to their previous sense of ‘hypocrisy’, feeling that you have discharged your obligation to marry them, and they are on the outside again.

If the church takes the initiative like this, couples are reassured and are much more likely to keep in touch.

### How to use the congratulations card:

When you enter a couple’s details into your online weddings diary, you or your office will get an email reminder to send this card.

It’s designed to be posted just after the wedding day, so that the card will reach the couple by their return from honeymoon.

Your office, if you have one, can receive the reminder about this card and send it.

The important thing is that the marrying priest signs it.

When the Weddings Project trialled this resource, clergy told us they wanted extra space to add their personal greeting to a couple. So now there’s more space for your own special message.

The home parish as well as the marrying church can send this card.