**Wedding Application**

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|  | GROOM | BRIDE |
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| First name |  |  |
| Middle names |  |  |
| Surname |  |  |
| Occupation  |  |  |
| Date of Birth |  |  |
| Age |  |  |
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| Address |  |  |
| No |  |  |
| Street |  |  |
| Town |  |  |
| County |  |  |
| Post Code |  |  |
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| Contact |  |  |
| Home |  |  |
| Work |  |  |
| Mobile |  |  |
| Email |  |  |
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| Wedding |  |
| Date |  |
| Time |  |
| Venue[Grab your reader’s attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]\*\* |  |
| Bridesmaids’ names |  |
| Best Man’s name |  |
| Hymns/Songs to be sung |  |
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| Wedding Practice | This is normally at 2:00 pm the day before at the Church where the service is to be held. If there are special circumstances, a different time can be arranged |
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| West Mearns Parish Churches: Fettercairn, Auchenblae and Glenbervie  |
| Use of Church | £200  |
| Organist | £75 |
| Cleaning  | £25 |
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|  Donation to Parish if the wedding is not in one of the above Churches £200 |
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Your wedding ceremony

If you are getting married in one of our Parish Churches, we will provide and organist. The fee for this is indicated on the admin form. If you inted using any other musciains or your own organist, you are welcome to do so. However, you are responsible for arranging your own musicians. Hymns or songs choices are yours and you can find suggestions online or you may have family favourites or traditions. – just let the musicians and me know beforehand.

The Order of Service is flexible in order to accommodate significant and special requests that you may have. If you have any details re preferred readings and prayers I would be glad to include those. Indeed, if you have any family members and friends who would like to participate that is also possible.

Getting married in St Palladius Church

For the purpose of your wedding, the use of St Palladius, an Episcopalian Church, is part of your wedding package with Drumtochty Castle. It is not my church and so any questions about the use of the church must be directed to the staff at Drumtochty.

Finally…

The fee for the use of the church is indicated on the form, however, if you are getting married at St Palladius, the fee is part of Drumtochty Castle package and does not come to our Parish nor is there a fee for the Minister. Therefore, I ask that you consider a donation of £200 to the West Mearns Parish. This is a donation and not a fee and whether you donate who not, it has no bearing on my conducting the service.

Wedding Practice

I would like to meet with the main wedding party, and anyone else who will be involved in the service. This is the day before the wedding, normally at 2:00pm. It gives us an opportunity to finalise the details.

Furthermore, I would like to have the ‘marriage schedule’ in my hand the day before the wedding so that I know it is correct and present. You collect that in person from the registrar one or two days before the wedding.

**Getting married in Scotland**

The local registrar is in Stonehaven, ‘Viewmount’, Arduthie Road, AB39 2DQ TEL 01569 768360.

It is essential that you make contact **AT LEAST 30 days** before your wedding however you can get in touch whenever you like, and you will be directed as to the legal necessities in Scotland which you must organize yourselves.

For further information please consult www.NRScotland.gov.uk

Let me introduce myself

I am a Church of Scotland Minister currently serving the West Mearns Parish.

We have three churches in the Parish namely Fettercairn, Auchenblae and Glenbervie.

My wife Linda, and I are from South Africa and have been resident in Scotland since 2015.

Rev Brian Smith

