

**PARISH OF STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD
CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE MEASURE 2008**

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STANFORD IN THE VALE



QUALIFIED CONNECTION FORM FOR COUPLES TO COMPLETE

Form for completion by a person who wishes to marry in the parish by virtue of a Qualifying Connection with the parish. This form should be completed once the couple has made a provisional booking with the Vicar.

The Vicar, whose name and address are set out below, is under a legal duty to be satisfied that you can lawfully marry in the parish before the marriage can take place or a firm date and time can be fixed for it. To make this process as quick and simple as possible, whichever of you claims to have a connection with the parish is asked to complete this form and return it to the Vicar.

The Vicar will be pleased to give guidance in relation to the Church of England Marriage Measure 2008. You may find it helpful to visit www.yourchurchwedding.org, the Church of England's website on marriage where you can read the measure.

The Vicar is The Revd Paul Eddy, The Vicarage, Church Green, Stanford in the Vale SN7 8HU. Tel: 01367 710267. Email: vicar@stdenys.org

Name of Bride

Name of Groom.....

Proposed date of wedding

Person who has Qualifying Connection.....Bride / Groom*

**Delete as appropriate*

I confirm that the information and answers given in and supplied with this form are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed

(Person who has Qualifying Connection)

Date

YOUR QUALIFYING CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH

Please complete sections 1 and 2 and whichever questions(s) in section 3 apply

SECTION 1 Please tick relevant statement(s)

I wish to rely on a connection with the parish by virtue of **one or more** of the following:

I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)

I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a church or chapel in the parish

My parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England Service

I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months*

My parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime*

I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months **

My parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime**

** This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still resident in the parish*

*** This can apply whether or not you or your parent(s) are still attending worship in the parish*

Note: In the Church of England Marriage Measure a parent means:

- *parent of either a legitimate or an illegitimate child; or*
- *an adoptive parent (This requires legal adoption); or*
- *a person "who has undertaken the care and upbringing" of another person.*

For a grandparent one of the above three types of relationship must apply between each generation and the next, i.e. between the grandparent and the parent and between the parent and the person completing the form.

SECTION 2

Does any of the information on which you are relying to show your connection with the parish:

- give a name for you which is different from the one you have used on this form; or
- give the surname for any parent or grandparent of yours which is different from your surname as set out on this form? Yes/No

If yes, please:

- give the previous/other name(s) _____
- explain how the difference has arisen

- if the reason for the difference between the names is that you have changed your name, explain when and how the change(s) took place and provide any documentary information (e.g. adoption certificate, marriage certificate, deed poll for change of name)

PLEASE NOW GO ON TO COMPLETE THE PART(S) OF SECTION 3 WHICH CORRESPOND TO THE STATEMENT(S) YOU HAVE TICKED IN SECTION 1

SECTION 3

Please answer the questions below which relate to the connection(s) you have ticked in section 1. Please give exact dates, places, names etc if possible – if not, please give as much information as you can.

As regards what documentary or other information will be needed, advice will be given by the Vicar. Also see the paragraphs in the House of Bishops' guidance on the Church of England Marriage Measure (see front page) which deal with the relevant connection with the parish. Any original documents you supply will be returned to you.

Please complete your answer on a separate piece of paper if necessary and submit it with the form.

[] My Connection is that I was baptised in the parish (by a Church of England service/form of baptism)

When were you baptised? _____

Where were you baptised? _____

What documentary or other information do you have for this? _____
(Please submit any copy of an entry in the baptism register, baptism certificate or other documents with this form)

[] My connection is that I have been confirmed (by a Church of England service) and my confirmation is entered in a register belonging to a church or chapel in the parish

When were you confirmed? _____

Where were you confirmed? _____

Who prepared you for confirmation? _____

In which register is your confirmation recorded? _____

What documentary or other information do you have as regards the registration of your confirmation? (Please submit any copy of an entry in the confirmation register, certificate etc or other documents with this form)

[] My connection is that my parent or grandparent was married in the parish by a Church of England service

When and where did the marriage take place? _____

Please give names of the parties to the marriage, and state how the relevant party/parties are related to you. _____

What documentary or other information do you have for this? _____
(Please submit a copy of the relevant entry in the marriage register, marriage certificate or other documents with this form)

[] My connection is that I have had my usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months - This can apply whether or not you are still resident in the parish

Please give

- Each address at which you have been resident in the parish, and
- The dates between which that address was/has been your usual place of residence

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?
(Please submit the documents with this form)

[] My connection is that my parent has had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime - *This can apply whether or not your parent(s) is/are still resident in the parish*

Please give:

- Each address at which a parent of yours has been resident in the parish;
- The name(s) of the parent(s) resident there; and
- The dates between which that address is/was his/her/their usual place of residence

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?
(Please submit the documents with this form)

[] My connection is that I have habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months - *This can apply whether or not you are still attending worship in the parish*

When did you begin to attend public worship habitually in the parish?

If you no longer do so, when did you cease to do so? *Please state:*

Where you worshipped in the parish during this period:

How often/on what occasions; and

What types of services you attended:

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?
(Please submit the documents with this form)

[] My connection is that my parent has habitually attended public worship at Church of England services in the parish for at least 6 months during my lifetime - *This can apply whether or not your parent(s) is/are are still attending worship in the parish*

When did your parent(s) begin to attend public worship habitually in the parish?

If that is no longer the case, when did it cease:

Please give his/her/their name(s) and his/her/their address(es) over that period:

Please state:

Where he/she/they worshipped in the parish during that period

How often/on what occasions; and

At what types of services?

What documentary or other information do you have for the above?
(Please submit the documents with this form)

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE
WHERE APPROPRIATE TO:**

The Revd Paul Eddy
The Vicarage. 24 Church Green, Stanford in the Vale
SN7 8HU. Or email: vicar@stdenys.org