

## Getting married in Church

Marriage is a commitment between two people to love and care for each other and share the burdens and benefits of domestic life. It is distinguished from every other form of relationship since it involves a union of hearts, minds and wills, a sharing of lives and a selfless giving of one to another regardless of the joy, strain or challenges a couple may experience. It is a union of sexual intimacy to the exclusion of all others.



Chapel of Garioch Kirk

When a couple marry in church it means they will be starting their married lives together in a place of prayer and Christian love. They will be making a life-long commitment to each other, not only in front of friends and family, but in the presence of God. God is a witness to the promises a couple make and it is God who joins them together. Couples who choose to get married in church receive God's blessing right at the very start of their lives together. When a couple marry in church their marriage is bathed in prayer and held within a union that includes God himself and which will be a strength to them for

the rest of their lives together. Christian marriage is like a three stranded rope with husband, wife and God as the strands. Entwined together they make a strong rope that is not easily broken.

Couples that marry in the kirk at Chapel of Garioch become part of centuries old tradition. The kirk was established by Robert the Bruce's sister, Christian, in 1350. He had given her the Lordship of the Garioch as a dowry. Mary Queen of Scots also worshipped here when she visited Balquhain Castle in 1562. The current building, on the same site, dates from 1813. So Chapel has been the place the people of the Garioch have gone to be married, before God, for hundreds of years. That tradition of Christian love and support for marriage continues today.



Chapel of Garioch

Blairdaff Church was built in 1893. Its ruins can be seen in the village. In 1934 The congregation moved to the current building, originally the home of the Free Church and dating from 1850. It contains the bell from the original church.

A couple do not have to be members of the Kirk or regular attenders to be married in church. For more information about getting married in church please [contact us](#).