



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S: PARKING

There is limited parking at St. Bartholomew's Church so it is worth planning and coordinating parking carefully to ensure a smooth flow at the start and end of your marriage service.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE FROM CHURCH

Any parking plans should be based on your plans for your arrival at church before the service, and confetti and departure for the reception afterwards. This means building the parking plan around your preferred option of the following:

1. to arrive at and depart from the **Causeway side** of the Church, using the normal public entrance/exit to the churchyard and the path leading up the side of the church for confetti after the service.

2. to arrive at and depart from the **West gate** on the other side of the Church, on Homme grounds adjacent to the parkland drive. In this option confetti would be between the West door and the West gate at the back of the church, and between the West gate and the parkland drive.

The first option has the advantage of avoiding grass in wet conditions, while the second has the advantage of being more private place to alight in case of any late guest arrivals at the front of the church.

Whichever option you choose, it is important to ensure the wedding vehicle has sufficient space for your arrival at church, and the space to turn around to prepare for your departure.

AREAS FOR PARKING AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

There are a few options to explore for parking at St. Bartholomew's, as follows:

1. a limited number of cars can be parked **along the railings at the front of the church** beside the main pedestrian entrance, and along the strip of woodland owned by Homme opposite Causeway Cottage. These areas are best reserved for those who need to park as close to the church as possible - guests with limited mobility, guests arriving

close to the service time, and any professional suppliers who might need priority parking (florist, photographer, videographer).

2. cars can be parked **along the B4024** with a short walk from there to the church.

3. if there is not another event taking place there the **Memorial Hall car park** may be available for guest parking. Email memorialhallmm@gmail.com to enquire. It is a kindness to make a donation in return for parking there; there is a letterbox beside the front door in which donations can be left.

4. if the weather has been dry and parkland grass length allows, cars can be directed to drive through Homme's entrance gates and across the cattle grid into the parkland before **parking on the left hand side of the drive**. A pedestrian gate leads directly out into Homme's parkland from the churchyard, which can be used by guests to avoid having to negotiate the cattle grid.

How best to use the above areas depends on your arrival/departure plans (which in turn may depend on the ground conditions as discussed).

It is a good idea to brief groomsmen to coordinate parking in the build up to the service, with them stationed in strategic positions (e.g. by the triangle at the turning from the B4024 into the lane running up to the church, and at the entrance gates to the Homme House Estate).

Whatever you decide, **we recommend ensuring that no vehicles park between our entrance gates and the cattle grid into the parkland**, to ensure there are no obstructions to beautiful photos and/or the flow of vehicles up to the house at the end of the service.

YOUR ENTRANCE

Whichever gate you plan to use for your arrival at St. Bartholomew's remember to discuss your entrance into church with your vicar, and whether you would prefer to enter via the main porch entrance and then turn right down the aisle, or enter via the West door.



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YOUR EXIT & CONFETTI

On your departure from church it is likely you will process straight down the aisle and leave via the West door opposite the altar.

At this point it is a good idea to head straight to the yew tree in the churchyard for a private moment and your first portrait together while guests follow you out of church to arrange themselves for confetti. Dwelling outside the West door can create a spontaneous 'reception line' of queuing guests keen to congratulate you, which can be a lovely but time consuming impromptu element of a wedding day!

YOUR DEPARTURE

It is important to let the driver of the wedding vehicle know which side of the church you will use for confetti (if applicable) and your departure after the service, so that they can ensure the vehicle is ready and facing in the right direction for your return to Homme for the reception.



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PARKING AREAS

1. **Along the railings at the front of the church & down wooded edge of lane towards B4024** (priority parking)
2. **Along the B4024**
3. **Memorial Hall Car Park** (by prior arrangement with donation)
4. **4. Homme House Parkland** (in dry conditions)