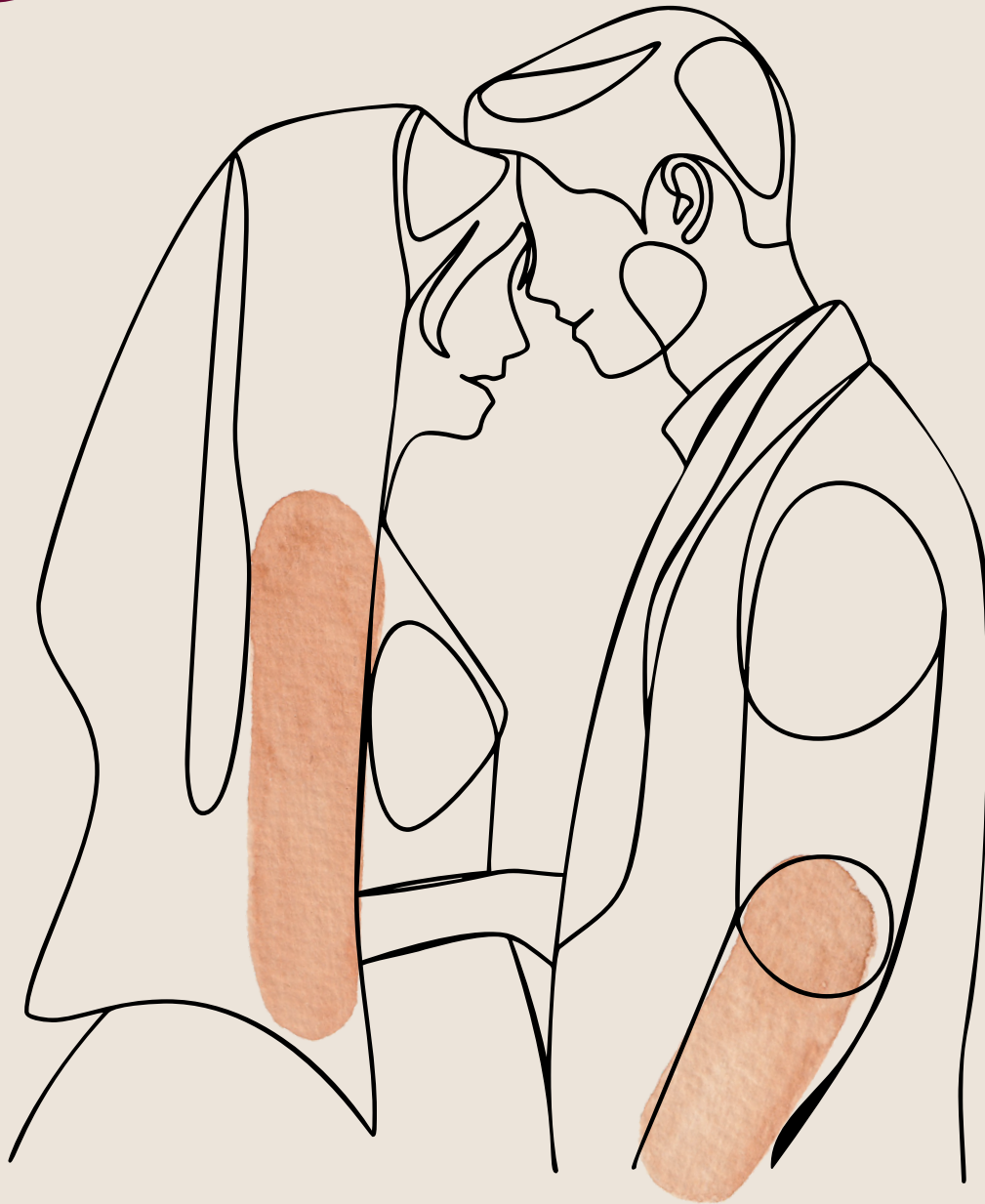




SEMUSIC



*Love is all you need*

MUSIC FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY

*From the moment of  
processing into the venue  
to the first dance,  
music plays a huge role  
in every wedding.*

There is nothing better than music to create the right atmosphere at your wedding. Whether your wedding is, quite literally, all singing and dancing or you want it to be as simple as possible, music is key to making your wedding day extra special.

Deciding which music should be played is one of the most important decisions you need to make when planning your big day. SEMusic can help you with all aspects of your music for your wedding ceremony.

With the help of our team, we endeavour to make choosing music for your wedding an enjoyable and rewarding part of your preparations - and there are plenty of options that you are able to choose from.

We work with a wide-range of musicians and are able to provide music for every aspect.

All income we receive from weddings goes back into supporting St Oscar Romero Parish and SEMusic (registered charity no. 1196356)

# *Music options*

## SINGERS

For more than 25 years, our choir have supported countless weddings, singing appropriate music, hymns and songs to make weddings truly memorable. With a repertoire that includes Adele to All Things Bright And Beautiful, our talented group of singers are able to add that extra bit of sparkle to your day.

## INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our pianists and organists regularly perform varying styles of music as soloists and as accompanists to choirs and soloists. They know the best instruments to help decorate the music and will advise on combinations of instrumentation to get the best sound each time.

We also have a number of other instrumentalists, including trumpet, flute, oboe, violin and clarinet who we can arrange too.

## SOLOISTS

We work with a variety of professional soloists who can sing beautifully popular pieces such as Ave Maria by Schubert or A Thousand Years by Christina Perri.

## ORDERS OF SERVICE

Our team are used to creating Orders of Service for weddings and can help you to build, design and print your booklets at competitive prices.

*Our fees are bespoke to each wedding, so please get in touch to help us create a quote that works best for you.*

## RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

The idea of having your wedding in a church can be daunting. It might be that this is the first time you're going to church for a number of years or you might be attending every week. Either way, it's important that you're choosing music that reflects you as a couple as well as the religious elements of the service.

We're used to providing music in many different churches and denominations - so whether you're having a short blessing or a full Nuptial Mass, we can tailor your needs as necessary.

## CIVIL OR NON-RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

A civil or non-religious ceremony can be more flexible than a religious ceremony regarding your music choices. You will be able to choose from a variety of different music, reading and poetry choices. However, a civil ceremony does mean that you cannot include any religious aspect to the wedding.





A group of women, likely a choir, are singing from sheet music in a church setting. They are dressed in formal attire, including dresses and blouses. In the background, a banner with the word "prayer" is visible, and a large red and orange banner hangs on the wall. The scene is captured in a candid, slightly blurred style, suggesting a moment of performance during a service.

*"The Choir and musicians completely enhanced the entire day. They allowed us and our guests to relax and enjoy the services with their incredible talents."*  
KATHERINE & PAUL

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Before the wedding begins, you have a great opportunity to set the tone for the rest of your day as your guests filter in and find their seats. You're probably going to want to save the more exciting music for later on (when there's a chance to get your guests on the dance floor) however, you've still got quite a wide scope of choice here.

This is the moment to build up the anticipation for the rest of the day...

## PROCESSIONAL

The first notes of your processional music are something all your guests have been waiting for. They're the precursor to those doors at the back of the room finally opening, before the day finally gets underway as you walk down the aisle.

Everyone in the room will hold their breath in anticipation for the music and perhaps the most iconic moment of the day - when you walk into your wedding.

There's an array of choices for this moment, both modern and classical and we've listed some here for you:

- Bridal March from Lohengrin by Wagner (traditional Here Comes the Bride theme)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach
- Trumpet Voluntary by Stanley
- Trumpet Voluntary by Purcell
- Canon in D by Pachelbell
- I Giorni by Einaudi
- River Flows in You by Yiruma

So many pop pieces are adaptable to piano and organ settings too, so if there's a particular favourite of yours that you've got your heart set on, tell us and we can work it out for you!



## HYMNS

If you have chosen to have a religious ceremony, you will usually be asked to choose a selection of hymns to help move the service along. We would be happy to help you design your order of service to help you choose hymns. We usually suggest sticking to what people will know - that way more people will be tempted to sing along and play their part in your day.

Some popular pieces are as follows:

- All things bright and beautiful
- Amazing Grace
- Be still for the presence of the Lord
- Bind Us Together, Lord
- City of God
- Give me joy in my heart (Sing Hosanna!)
- Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer
- Lord of the Dance (I danced in the morning...)
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- Make me a channel of your peace

Whilst we can help you with selections, they must be approved by the Celebrant in advance.

## SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

During the signing of the register, you probably need around five minutes of music - so probably two songs. Some religious celebrants will be happy for you to choose more contemporary pieces and, as mentioned, if you're having a civil ceremony you cannot have anything religious.

Some couples have friends who they'd like to play their part during the ceremony, this is usually when this would take place.

If not, we have a selection of music including instrumental, choral and solo pieces that can be used at this time.

A non-exhaustive list contains pieces by John Rutter, The Beatles, Adele, Ellie Goulding, Bach, Handel and more. If you don't see your favourite, let us know and maybe we can add it to our songbook!

## RECESSIONAL

The music you choose for your wedding recession should be joyous and upbeat – after all, your guests have just witnessed something truly wonderful. Rather than anticipatory, now the tone of your music should be celebratory.

If you play your cards right, the shift in tone from your emotional processional music to your livelier recessional music will also suggest to your guests that it's time to move on to the next stage – the party.

We have a number of traditional pieces to go out to including the Midsummer Night's Dream Wedding March by Mendelsohn as well as, in Love Actually style, impromptu renditions of All You Need is Love.

## WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR

Helen is our Services Coordinator and she will be your point of contact for when you're organising your special day and can be contacted about any provisional bookings by emailing [helen@semusic.org.uk](mailto:helen@semusic.org.uk)





