



**KINGS NORTON
TEAM PARISH**

Information

regarding the

Qualifying Connection Ruling

If you do not qualify for marriage in St Nicolas either by residence in the parish or inclusion on the electoral roll, then you may marry here providing that either the groom or the bride-to-be can satisfy the Rector (or other priest acting on his/her behalf) that they fulfil any **one** of the following connections to the parish. Connections that qualify are:

- was baptised in the parish
- has been confirmed and the confirmation has been entered in a church register book belonging to the parish, having been prepared for confirmation in the parish
- has at any time had their usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months
- has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months
- one of bride or groom's parents has at any time during the person's lifetime had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months or has habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months
- Either the bride or groom's parents or grandparents were married in the parish.

Please note: It is for you, the couple, to provide the evidence to satisfy the clergy of the qualifying connection. It is not the clergy's responsibility nor that of the Diocesan Registry to assemble the evidence.

If you wish to get married in St Nicolas by establishing a Qualifying Connection, you will have to:

1. provide written evidence (e.g. baptism certificate) or a reference from any current church officer (e.g. church warden, organist) if you know them personally
2. complete and return the form overleaf

Both of the above must be done before a marriage booking can be confirmed at St Nicolas Kings Norton.

We hereby apply under the Qualifying Connection measure to be married in St Nicolas Church, Kings Norton.

Names of couple:

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Tel:

Proposed marriage date:

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Qualifying Connection:

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Evidence supplied:

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Approved by:

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(Rector or Deputy) Date

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