



St. James'

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## Still Photography & Video (St James Church)

It has been our experience that, whilst some photographers have appreciated the importance of the service itself, others have been too intrusive. Since we cannot predict this in advance, we have created some guidelines to enable the ceremony to be well recorded but without the process detracting from the service. We would be grateful if you would make your photographer(s) aware of this.

- 1) Once photographs have been taken at the lychgate, the bridal party gathers in the porch – this is a private moment where we prepare those participating for the start of the service.
- 2) For the main procession into church photographers are permitted to go to the far (East) end of the church (as opposed to the entrance (West) end), to 'discreetly' record the entry of the bridal party and their arrival at the 'steps' (when bride and groom stand side by side). Once the first hymn is announced no further photographs are allowed until the signing of the registers. (A discreetly placed and unattended video may be left in place to record the service)
- 3) For the procession out, photographers are welcome to record that moment, but not to inhibit the bride and groom walking the whole length of the aisle.
- 4) We permit photographers to use the gallery to take photographs during the service provided:
  - It is not being used to seat any guests
  - Flash is not used
  - The camera operation is not audible to the congregation
  - There is no movement as it is very audible downstairs and a distraction to the minister taking the service

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