

Diocesan Secretary

Diocesan House,
Lady Wootton's Green,
Canterbury
Kent CT1 1NQ
Tel: 01227 459401 Fax: 01227 787073
jhills@diocant.org



22 November 2012

Dear licensed and PTO clergy,

Changes to the statutory procedure for publishing banns of marriage

The Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure has now been passed by both Houses of Parliament and is due to receive the Royal Assent on 19th December 2012. Section 2 of the Measure, which comes into force immediately when Royal Assent is given, makes some important changes to the statutory procedure for publishing banns of marriage. The clergy and others responsible for publishing banns need to be aware of these changes given the importance of banns being properly published.

A short document is attached which is intended to explain the changes in a straightforward manner. Please feel free to use and distribute the attached document if you consider it would be useful to do so.

The Measure can be downloaded here:
www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt201213/jtselect/jtecc/47/47i.pdf. (Section 1 of the Measure will come into force at a later date, yet to be determined.)

I also attach, for convenience, a copy of section 7 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by the Measure.

If you have any questions about the changes please either contact me or the Diocesan Registrar.

Kind regards,

Julian Hills
Diocesan Secretary

This email has been sent to all licensed and PTO clergy. Postal copies will be sent to licensed and PTO clergy not on email.