

## **LEGAL REGULATIONS REGARDING MARRIAGE IN CHURCH**

If either of you has been married previously, and your former husband or wife is still alive; or if either of you is not a UK national; please alert the Minister to that as soon as possible so that the special issues which arise can be considered without delay.

### **RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS: since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008**

To qualify to be married in a Parish Church

EITHER: one or both partners must reside or be on the Church Electoral Roll within the parish concerned;

OR: one or both partners must have a “Qualifying Connection” with the parish.

A person has a Qualifying Connection with a parish if:

that person:

was baptised in the parish. (This does not apply where the baptism formed part of a combined service of baptism and confirmation); or

had his or her confirmation entered in a church register book of a church or chapel in the parish; or

has at any time had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or

has at any time habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or a Parent of that person has at any time during that person’s lifetime:

had his or her usual place of residence in the parish for at least 6 months; or

habitually attended public worship in the parish for at least 6 months;

or a Parent or Grandparent of that person was married in the parish.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DOCUMENTARY OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF YOUR QUALIFICATION MAY BE REQUIRED.**