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### On the day

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- An impromptu choir may sing a single verse from hymns on the list
- Interspersed with short readings and organ music.
- Couples are invited to note those items they most like.
- The organist may answer questions, flower arrangers explain what decoration is possible
- Practical questions about parking, confetti, recording, photographs ... can be answered



### Marriage Preparation

- Information about ‘Marriage Preparation’ – content and timings is given

### Worship Together and Tea

- A short act of worship is followed by tea when last year’s couples join in to share their experience and their photos

### Don't leave it there

- ✓ Church members attend the wedding – even offer refreshments to early guests
- ✓ Send a card on the day and again on the anniversary
- ✓ Invite them to attend a service after the wedding to share their photos and make sure they receive a welcome

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