St Peter & St Paul's Church at **Old Brampton**

Please be **Punctual**!

You have invited all your guests to be at the church for a certain time and they will be there, excited and happy to see you both.
However weddings and services of blessing are not an exception to the rule that it is rude to keep your guests waiting –

And if the bride is late your guests won't have access to any refreshments, there is no toilet in the same building, and any babies and children present are likely to get restless ...

It can also cause considerable inconvenience for, whilst you will have booked the photographer for the day, other people involved in the service such as the organist, choir and bell ringers are only booked for an hour and a half and may well have other commitments (including weddings at other churches) to go on to.

Experience has sadly taught us that we need to make all couples aware of the following :

- **If the bride is more than 10 mins late at the lychgate**: one hymn may be omitted.
- **If the bride is more than 15 mins late at the lychgate**: all hymns may be omitted.
- **If the bride is more than 20 mins late**: then the organist may leave after playing the entrance music if they have another engagement.
  If they can stay beyond the hour and half then an additional fee of £40 per half hour will be payable.
- **Also, if the bride is more than 20 mins late**: then the bell ringers may leave after ringing the bride into church if they have another engagement.
  If they can stay beyond the hour and half then an additional fee of £60 per half hour will be payable.

We will always be sympathetic in circumstances that can't be helped e.g. when the bridal car breaks down (it happens!) but if we have other commitments then we need to take them into consideration too.

You can help us by keeping us informed of any developing 'situation' -
Please ensure that someone in the bridal party has a mobile phone so that they can keep in touch with those already in church. Thank you.

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