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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MELLOR

The Parish Church of St. Thomas, Mellor, sits at the top of a hill, discovered in 1998 to have been the site of an Iron Age hill fort. Christian worship has taken place here for many centuries and the church building contains much of historical interest.

The pulpit, carved from a single oak trunk, is dated 1330 and is exceptionally unusual in being a wooden example from the pre-reformation era. The baptismal font is much older even than that, its date and origin unknown. The building also contains modern stained glass and sculptures.

From the outside of the church there are beautiful views of the Cheshire plain, even up to the hills of Wales. It most certainly is an ideal venue for a wedding.



MARRIAGE – MORE THAN JUST A WEDDING

Rev Dr Peter Jenner and Mrs Rosemary Ackroyd run an occasional short weekend course for couples planning to marry in Mellor Church. The aim of the course is to help couples to look forward confidently to marriage and to be as realistic as possible about the future and each other. During the weekend they look at the content and meaning of the marriage service and invite couples to share ideas and expectations. The course also covers different aspects of married life such as communication, sex, conflict and change. The course is held in the Vicarage in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere and includes attendance at the 9.30 Service in the Church on Sunday morning.

THE WEDDING



The Marriage Service from the Church of England's 'Common Worship' liturgies encourages couples to choose many aspects of the service to make the occasion a very personal one. Readings, hymns, music and other aspects of the service are chosen in consultation with the vicar.

The church has a choir which sings to an excellent standard and which has toured in different parts of Europe. They have also sung in various English cathedrals, and have an extensive repertoire from which you can choose. They will be accompanied on the superb pipe organ, built in 1977 by Noel and John Mander.

The church lends itself to photography, both because of its historical interest and the stunning views when the wedding party steps outside at the end. A few yards down the road stands the well-equipped Parish Centre, where it is possible to hold a reception for up to ninety people.



LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All residents of the parish of Mellor are entitled to marry in St Thomas Church. Others (for instance those who have lived in the parish for at least six months at some point in their lives) also meet the specifications set down in English law relating to marriage. (Additional guidelines issued by the church have to be followed for marriages involving a divorced person, whether or not he or she is resident in the parish).

For advice on legal requirements relating to weddings, please contact the Parish Office (0161 484 5079). You will be made very welcome and well looked after if you choose St. Thomas' for your wedding.