

## Participant Information Sheet

### Section A: The Research Project

1. *Title of project:*  
Evaluating the use of practitioner action research in the development of pastoral practice in contemporary church weddings
2. *Purpose and value of study*  
This research aims to evaluate the use of participatory action research as a tool to effect change in pastoral practice and policy in the Church of England through the professional development of its clergy. It offers the Church the opportunity to be more responsive at local and national levels to changes in contemporary social attitudes.
3. *Invitation to participate*  
The Archbishops' Council is conducting research for the national Church Weddings project among experienced clergy in four dioceses. In two of these dioceses clergy who exercise an active ministry in church weddings are being invited to participate in additional research to evaluate a model of participatory action research. Clergy will be offered the opportunity to work towards the formation of a personal toolkit to promote the development of their pastoral practice in church weddings.
4. *Who is organising the research*  
The Research and Statistics department of the Archbishops' Council is supporting the Church Weddings project and its head of department, Revd Lynda Barley, is conducting this additional research.
5. *What will happen to the results of the study*  
The results will be offered to the Archbishops' Council for wider dissemination across the Church and to academic journals.
6. *Source of funding for the research*  
The project is fully funded by the Archbishops' Council as part of a sponsored programme of study and research.
7. *Contact for further information*  
Responsibility for this research lies with      Revd Preb Lynda Barley,  
Research & Statistics, Archbishops' Council  
Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ  
tel: 0207 898 1542 email: lynda.barley@c-of-e.org.uk

### Section B: Your Participation in the Research Project

1. *Why you have been invited to take part*  
You have been invited to participate in this research following your attendance at a national Church Weddings project training event in your diocese. You have also indicated that you are active in contemporary church wedding ministry.
2. *Whether you can refuse to take part*  
You are entirely free to refuse to participate in this additional research.
3. *Whether you can withdraw at any time, and how*  
Participation in this additional research is entirely voluntary and if your circumstances change you are free to withdraw at any stage.

4. *What will happen if you agree to take part (brief description of procedures/tests)*
- a) You will be asked to provide background information regarding recent trends in local church weddings and to maintain a research diary over the summer of 2010 (using a semi-structured form). This diary offers the opportunity to engage in reflective practice at key points in your church wedding journey with selected couples who are marrying for the first time.
  - b) In September 2010 you will be asked to attend a research discussion group with colleagues in your diocese to evaluate the impact of this diary on your personal pastoral practice. The discussion at this group will be recorded for project analysis purposes only.
  - c) Over the first half of 2011 and the main summer wedding season you will be offered the opportunity to participate in a (electronically based) *change agent group* facilitated by the researcher. This will provide the opportunity to conduct everyday research and reflection on your pastoral practice in church weddings (with the support of colleagues and the researcher) and to consider the potential for the formation of a pastoral development toolkit.
  - d) Towards the conclusion of the summer 2011 you will be invited to attend a research discussion group to evaluate these experiences in comparison with other training methods that you have experienced. The discussion at this group will be recorded for project analysis purposes only.
5. *Whether there are any risks involved (e.g. side effects from taking part) and if so what will be done to ensure your wellbeing/safety*  
There are no risks involved in your participation in this research. The research is entirely independent of your diocese and to the Church Wedding project. Your confidentiality will be preserved throughout.
6. *Agreement to participate in this research should not compromise your legal rights should something go wrong*  
Agreement to participate in this research does not compromise your legal rights.
7. *Whether there are any special precautions you must take before, during or after taking part in the study*  
The identity of wedding couples must remain anonymous in any information provided for this research and (professional) pastoral practice in church weddings needs to be maintained throughout.
8. *What will happen to any information/data/samples that are collected from you*  
Information collected from you will be maintained in a secure and confidential store only accessible by the research team.
9. *Whether there are any benefits from taking part*  
Your participation in this additional research will result in Continuing Ministerial Education (CMD) accreditation being pursued with your diocese.
10. *How your participation in the project will be kept confidential*  
Your participation in this additional research is confidential and access to the information and data collected will be restricted to the research team. Personal details will be securely and separately stored. No individual will be identifiable in any analysis or report. Only Christian (first) names will be used in any research group discussions.

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# ***Church of England Wedding Research***

## **Clergy Participant Information Sheet**

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5. *What will happen to the results of the study*  
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6. *Source of funding for the research*  
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7. *Contact for further information*  
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### **Section B: Your Participation in the Research Project**

1. *Why you have been invited to take part*  
You have been invited to participate in this research following your attendance at a national Church Weddings project training event in your diocese. You have also indicated that you are active in contemporary church wedding ministry.
2. *Whether you can refuse to take part*  
You are entirely free to refuse to participate in this additional research. **Continued**

3. *Whether you can withdraw at any time, and how*  
Participation in this additional research is entirely voluntary and if your circumstances change you are free to withdraw at any stage.
4. *What will happen if you agree to take part (brief description of procedures/tests)*
  - a) You will be asked to provide background information regarding recent trends in local church weddings and to maintain a research diary (using a semi-structured form). This diary offers the opportunity to engage in reflective practice at key points in your church wedding journey with selected couples who are marrying for the first time.
  - b) In September 2010 you will be asked to attend a research discussion group with colleagues in your diocese to evaluate the impact of the project research on your personal pastoral practice. The discussion at this group will be recorded for project analysis purposes only.
  - c) You will be offered the opportunity to participate in a (electronically based) *change agent group* facilitated by the researcher. This will provide the opportunity to conduct everyday research and reflection on your pastoral practice in church weddings (with the support of colleagues and the researcher) and to consider the potential for the formation of a pastoral development toolkit.
  - d) In the autumn of 2011 you will be invited to attend a research discussion group to evaluate these experiences. The discussion at this group will be recorded for project analysis purposes only.
5. *Whether there are any risks involved (e.g. side effects from taking part) and if so what will be done to ensure your wellbeing/safety*  
There are no risks involved in your participation in this research. The research is entirely independent of your diocese and to the Church Wedding project. Your confidentiality will be preserved as far as possible throughout.
6. *Agreement to participate in this research should not compromise your legal rights should something go wrong*  
Agreement to participate in this research does not compromise your legal rights.
7. *Whether there are any special precautions you must take before, during or after taking part in the study*  
The identity of wedding couples must remain anonymous in any information provided for this research and (professional) pastoral practice in church weddings needs to be maintained throughout.
8. *What will happen to any information/data/samples that are collected from you*  
Information collected from you will be maintained in a secure and confidential store only accessible by the research team.
9. *Whether there are any benefits from taking part*  
Your participation in this additional research will result in Continuing Ministerial Education (CMD) accreditation being pursued with your diocese.
10. *How your participation in the project will be kept confidential*  
Your participation in this additional research is, as far as possible, confidential and access to the information and data collected will be restricted to the research team. Personal details will be securely and separately stored. No individual will be identifiable in any analysis or report. Only Christian (first) names will be used in any research group discussions.

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## **Church of England Wedding Research**

### **Participant Consent Form**

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: .....

Title of the project: Evaluating the use of practitioner action research in the development of pastoral practice in contemporary church weddings.

Main investigator and contact details: *Revd Preb Lynda Barley,  
Research & Statistics, Archbishops' Council,  
Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ  
tel: 0207 898 1542 email: lynda.barley@c-of-e.org.uk*

1. I agree to take part in the above research. I have read the Participant Information Sheet which is attached to this form. I understand what my role will be in this research, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
2. I understand that I am free to withdraw from the research at any time, for any reason and without prejudice.
3. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded and that I will not be identifiable in any report of this research.
4. I am free to ask any questions at any time before and during the study.
5. I have been provided with a copy of this form and the Participant Information Sheet.

Data Protection: I agree to the University<sup>1</sup> processing personal data which I have supplied. I agree to the processing of such data for any purposes connected with the Research Project as outlined to me.

Name of participant (print).....Signed.....Date.....

Name of witness (print).....Signed.....Date.....

#### **YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS FORM TO KEEP**

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If you wish to withdraw from the research, please complete the form below and return to the main investigator named above.

Title of Project: Evaluating the use of practitioner action research in the development of pastoral practice in contemporary church weddings.

#### **I WISH TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS STUDY**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> "The University" includes Anglia Ruskin University and its partner colleges



# ***Church of England Wedding Research***

## **Wedding Couple Participant Information Sheet**

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3. *Invitation to participate*

The Archbishops' Council is conducting research for the national Church Weddings project among experienced clergy in four dioceses. In two of these dioceses this will involve clergy reflecting with wedding couples on their church wedding practice. Clergy will be offered the opportunity to work using insights from wedding couples towards the formation of a personal toolkit to promote the development of their pastoral practice in church weddings.

4. *Who is organising the research*

The Research and Statistics department of the Archbishops' Council is supporting the Church Weddings project and its head of department, Revd Lynda Barley, is conducting this additional research.

5. *What will happen to the results of the study*

The results will be offered to the Archbishops' Council for wider dissemination across the Church and to academic journals.

6. *Source of funding for the research*

The project is fully funded by the Archbishops' Council as part of a sponsored programme of study and research.

7. *Contact for further information*

Responsibility for this research lies with  
who can be contacted at:

Revd Preb Lynda Barley

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Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ  
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## Section B: Your Participation in the Research Project

1. *Why you have been invited to take part*  
You have been invited to participate in this research alongside the involvement of your church minister in the national Church Weddings project training event in your diocese.
2. *Whether you can refuse to take part*  
You are entirely free to refuse to participate in this additional research.
3. *Whether you can withdraw at any time, and how*  
Participation in this research is entirely voluntary and if your circumstances change you are free to withdraw at any stage.
4. *What will happen if you agree to take part (brief description of procedures/tests)*  
Your church minister will need to reflect with you on background information to your church wedding and, in particular, on your views of church weddings. S/he will record summary information from your discussions together as you and s/he formulate plans towards your church wedding and as you subsequently reflect on your experience.
5. *Whether there are any risks involved (e.g. side effects from taking part) and if so what will be done to ensure your wellbeing/safety*  
There are no risks involved in your participation in this research. The research is entirely independent of your church wedding. Your confidentiality will be preserved as far as possible throughout.
6. *Agreement to participate in this research should not compromise your legal rights should something go wrong*  
Agreement to participate in this research does not compromise your legal rights.
7. *Whether there are any special precautions you must take before, during or after taking part in the study*  
The identity of wedding couples will remain anonymous in any information provided for this research and (professional) pastoral practice in church weddings will be maintained throughout.
8. *What will happen to any information/data/samples that are collected from you*  
Information collected from you will be maintained in a secure and confidential store only accessible by your church minister and the research team.
9. *Whether there are any benefits from taking part*  
Your participation in this additional research will enable your church minister to provide a fuller personalised pastoral support for your church wedding.
10. *How your participation in the project will be kept confidential*  
Your participation in this additional research is, as far as possible, confidential and access to the information and data collected will be restricted to the research team. Personal details will be securely and separately stored. No individual will be identifiable in any analysis or report. Only Christian (first) names will be used in any research group discussions.

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