

Diocese in Europe

**Application for the Bishop in Europe's Permission  
for a  
Service for Prayer and Dedication after Civil Marriage**

*To be used where one or both of the parties has a former spouse still living*

**PART 1** *To be completed by the bride and bridegroom*

	<b>Bridegroom</b>	<b>Bride</b>
Surname		
Forenames		
Nationality		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Daytime telephone		

Place of Baptism		
Date of Baptism		

Place of regular worship		
Name and address of parish priest		

Have you been married before?	YES      NO	YES      NO
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<p>If 'Yes', please delete as appropriate</p>	<p>(a) Marriage ended by death of spouse.</p> <p>(b) Marriage ended by divorce. Date of Decree Absolute:  ...../...../.....</p> <p>(c) Marriage ended by declaration of nullity by a UK civil court, dated:  ...../...../.....</p>	<p>(a) Marriage ended by death of spouse.</p> <p>(b) Marriage ended by divorce. Date of Decree Absolute:  ...../...../.....</p> <p>(c) Marriage ended by declaration of nullity by a UK civil court, dated:  ...../...../.....</p>
<p>In case of (b) above, is your former spouse still living?</p>	<p>YES                  NO</p>	<p>YES                  NO</p>

<p>Are you related in any way?</p>	<p>YES                  NO</p>
<p>If 'Yes', please complete give details</p>	

<p>Place and date of your intended Civil Marriage</p>	<p>...../...../.....</p> <p><i>Please note that you will be required to provide the officiating minister with evidence of your marriage before the Service of Prayer can be held.</i></p>
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**PART 2**

We ..... *Bridegroom*

..... *Bride*

apply for the Bishop in Europe’s Permission for a Service of Prayer and dedication after a Civil Marriage in the Chaplaincy of ..... on ..... / ..... / .....

We declare that we have studied and accept the teaching of the Church of England that marriage is the life-long covenant of one man and one woman.

Signed ..... *Bridegroom*

..... *Bride*

Date: ..... / ..... / .....

**PART 3** *To be completed by the chaplain / priest in charge*

I ..... chaplain / priest in charge of the Chaplaincy / Congregation of ..... in the Archdeaconry of ..... support the foregoing application to have their marriage blessed in this chaplaincy.

- I am satisfied that the declarations they have made are true.
- I am satisfied that both parties have been / are being adequately prepared for marriage
- I am satisfied that
  - all obligations under the previous marriage(s) have been and are being discharged;
  - neither party was responsible for, or involved in, the breakdown of the other's earlier marriage;
  - no scandal will be caused to the congregation or the community by the solemnization of the marriage; and
  - both partners have studied and accept the Church of England's teaching on marriage.
- I am willing to conduct the Service of Prayer and Dedication after Civil Marriage if the bishop gives his permission.

Signed ..... Date: .... / .... / .....