



The Religious Society of Friends

Where is the Church?

Friends Meeting House, Friars Street, Sudbury CO10 2AA

Who to contact?

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What does the church have to offer us?

Quaker marriage is not an alternative form of marriage available to the general public, but is for members and those who, whilst not being in formal membership, are in unity with its religious nature and witness. Usually, however, one or both of the parties being married will be members or they will be otherwise associated with the Society. Anyone contemplating marriage according to the usage of Friends should at an early stage apply to the registering officer in the area in which it is intended that the marriage should take place.

Those not in membership need to complete additional requirements, including a discussion with at least two members of the Society, to help assess whether there is sufficient unity of understanding with the Society, to allow a marriage according to Quaker usage to go forward.

The Religious Society of the Friends of Truth (Quakers) are sympathetic to same sex unions.

Sheelagh Ruse is a trained Counsellor, and has done the Prepare / Enrich course to help prepare couples for marriage, or to help them enrich their marriage. She also works with others for the charity Christians Against Poverty to consider the financial considerations of life, especially when there are new challenges.