

MICHAEL REYNOLDS photography

Wedding Photography

Take a look and see how I can make your occasion a day to remember

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"Mike was amazing from first contact right up until we received our photos. He drove up to see us for our engagement shoot and immediately made us feel at ease and comfortable. The photos are stunning, beautiful, natural shots. We would definitely recommend his services to anyone considering booking".

> Victoria & Dean Birmingham

"Our day was captured beautifully by Mike. Excellent photography. It was brilliant to meet him at the prewedding shoot, which took away all the nerves! Can't thank him enough and would highly recommend" "We can't stop looking at the photos they are just stunning"!

" Michael captured our wedding day perfectly. He was professional, great fun and the right mixture of bossy and invisible. We just love our photos and would highly recommend him to anyone wanting first class wedding photography."



Vicky & Phil - Loughborough



Consultations

Congratulations! An engagement is such an exciting time for a couple. As a prelude to your big day an engagement photo shoot is a fantastic idea leading up to your wedding. I love doing this type of shoot its a perfect opportunity to create your very own special, romantic interlude. Engagement photography sessions are so unique to every couple and such an important step in the process of building trust with a photographer. And of course to let everyone in the world know your gonna get married!

After our initial meeting and conversation where you get to tell me all about the exciting plans for your big day, I then invite you to shoot a very informal, relaxed and casual session with me, just the three of us. Choosing a location that is special to you both or maybe somewhere spectacular as a backdrop, is all part of the fun. Deciding what to wear is also something to consider as this has so much impact in your photographs.

This session has many benefits. Not only do you get to see the way I work, but I also take a look at how you deal with having your picture taken. This gives you one less thing to worry about on the day itself. Its a well known fact that most people do not enjoy being photographed, they become nervous, self conscious, and stiffen up. I always make this session highly enjoyable, its a lot of fun to do and I encourage you to be interactive, as well as romantic.

Don't worry about having no "experience with what to do" or how to "pose" I have all that covered and you're in good hands. My golden rule is just simply to let you be yourselves and that is the best advice anyone can give. As the session progresses you get to see the kind of images you may expect on your big day.

In addition I can also chat about some technical stuff such as angles, lighting and composition, in order to make you look amazing!









The Biggest Day Of Your Life!

"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you... I could walk through my garden forever."

- Alfred Tennyson

And so the day you have dreamed about since childhood has finally arrived. This day will be etched in your memory forever. I absolutely love being a wedding photographer. To be included in the celebrations and be a part of the proceedings is always a thrill, but above all I consider it a privilege. Being tasked with the responsibility of photographing your wedding is something I do not take lightly. Drawing upon my experience and attention to detail I will ensure your occasion is preserved for posterity and generations to come.

Over the years I have developed what you could describe as a photo journalistic style that is unobtrusive, natural and candid. I also include some "traditional" photography.

It's important to many brides to get those group shots of family and friends and to have a lasting memory of those who attended your wedding. I don't really "stage" my photography. The few group formals I do are completed fairly quickly, leaving me time to get back to taking all those lovely quirky, candid shots that everyone loves.

Shooting for the narrative of the day I tell your story through imagery capturing the essence of who you are. Ensuring that when you see your photographs you will re-live your day over again

My photographs will become your treasured memories of a day that was fleeting, but for a while seemed magical. You will remember what it felt like on the biggest day of your life. Take a look to see how I can make your wedding day memorable.

A Little Bit About Me

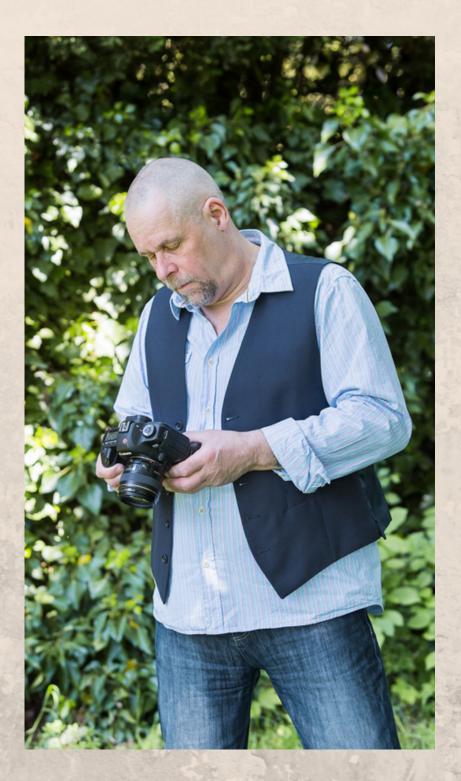
While in school I developed a fascination for photography. I became so passionate that I always carried a camera with me wherever I went. I have vivid memories of the excitement I felt buying film cartridges and the small blue flash that perched on top of the instamatics, which were so popular during the 1970's. I still remember the feelings of exhilaration rushing down to Boots after waiting 2 weeks to have my films developed. My interest in photography was so overriding I basically took photos of everything I saw.

Throughout the 80's I continued to develop my photography skills and once digital technology made its dramatic debut, I found myself further inspired to perfect the art of what has now become known as "Candid Photography". I still employ the classical approach and I have found that a balance between these two styles produces a winning combination. As a 'people person' I continue to be enthralled by those around me. I love watching people and seeing how the events and little stories just seem to unfold and I go out of my way to meet new and interesting people.

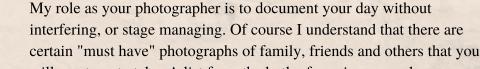
For me, a wedding just seems to be the perfect place to capture everyone's personalities. Dressed in their finery and enjoying their celebrations. After photographing a friend's wedding and finding the experience equally challenging and enjoyable, I realized that wedding photography was something I loved doing and wanted to pursue on a full-time basis.

This was where my dream began and has remained a strong feature in my work and in my life.







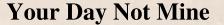


will want me to take. A list from the both of you is very welcome. Above all I remember that the day belongs to the both of you, and you should be allowed to enjoy it while it lasts!

I love interacting with people. I am polite, friendly and engaging whilst maintaining an air of professionalism. Having the ability to read situations before they arise means I will be in the right place and at the right time to capture those elusive shots.

Of course some planning is required to ensure the days events run smoothly but these are merely guidelines and a framework which we will discuss together on your consultation. Drawing upon my experience I can offer you valuable insights on how to make your day run that little bit smoother.





Your Audio - Visual Experience

A concept that images alone cannot always achieve.

Sound has always played a pivotal role in my life. I was a professional musician for 15 years. Quite unexpectedly after I became a wedding photographer, sound made itself heard again in a very literal sense.

A wedding is an occasion of unprecedented events that are unique, and special. In recent times the photo film has become increasingly popular. Of all the weddings I have photographed I found myself connected emotionally to what I heard, as well as what I saw. Simply put, a photo film is a collection of images set to music together with audio extracts from your ceremony & speeches. This in addition to your photographs adds another dimension to the day's events, totally enhancing your viewing experience.

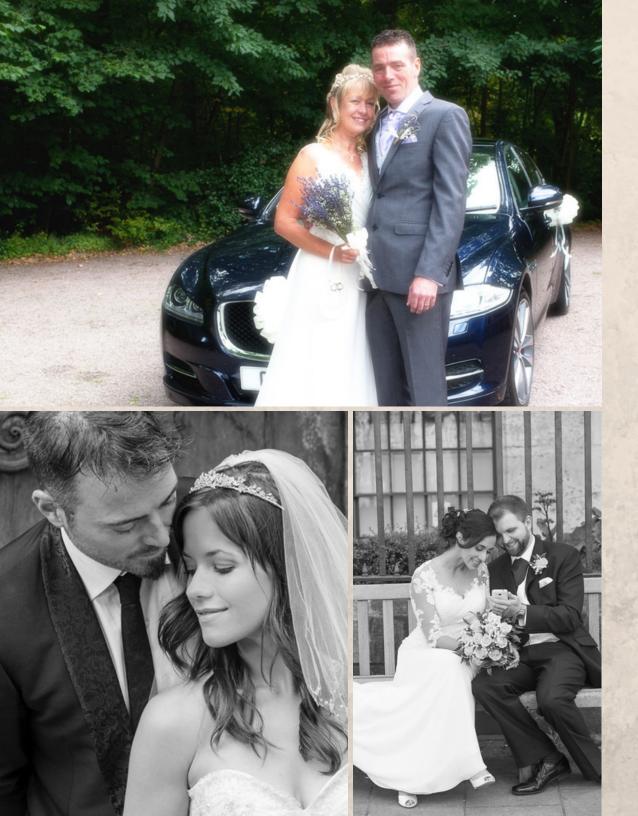
From your poignant vows to each other, the words of wisdom from your family, to the inevitable embarrassing revelations from your best man. These will soon be forgotten after the celebrations are over. Capturing them on your own unique photo-film ensures the laughter, drama, atmosphere, giggles and the tears are all preserved for you to relive and enjoy in the years to come.

Using high quality broadcast equipment I will record your ceremony and every speech at your reception. Then back in my studio using state of the art software I will combine photographs, key moments from your ceremony and speeches, some amazing background music plus a track of your choosing to compile a narrative and stunning visual of your entire day. All audio in its entirety will be provided separately for you.









Post Wedding Production

Its all in the edit!

After the celebrations are over and you are heading out to some exotic destination for your honeymoon, I begin the process of sorting through all your precious images. This includes making multiple back-ups.

I like bright and airy images. Photographic "trends" come and go over time but for me I prefer photographs that represent what I saw on your day. As well as color I also love black and white images. These represent a certain quality that is both elegant and timeless. However the choice is yours, you can choose one or the other or a combination of the two.

I strive to make my images clean and natural therefore my style of photo editing lies between classic and airy. In order to achieve this I look for great light, simple non distracting backgrounds that leave the emphasis on you.

This process cannot be hurried I personally edit each photograph individually. This involves various applications such as cropping, adding contrast. sharpening, and color corrections to bring out the elements of each shot to make it look its best. If it was a full day's coverage, this can mean looking at and editing hundreds of photographs.

Normally I go through the process at least twice with a fresh pair of eyes. This ensures the delivery complies with my high standards and I am completely satisfied with the results. This can take anything from 2 to 6 weeks.

My Wedding Packages

I have 3 packages competitively priced which can be tailored to suit your budget or particular requirements. I am committed to providing you with a quality and professional service at a price that won't break the bank.

Planning for your wedding is probably the most exciting thing you can do but it can also be very stressful. To help you decide on your photographer I have made these packages very simple and transparent. There are absolutely *no hidden extras*.

Additionally I can offer a fabulous range of albums and coffee table books to choose from, along with a bespoke in-house design service. For more detailed information on albums please visit my website. Please note; albums and coffee table books are additional extras, and *are not included* in any of my packages.

Prints are available at various sizes presented on fine art quality paper





Bronze Package £425

My basic package designed with the budget conscious in mind. I arrive at the registry office or church 1 hour before your ceremony.

> Pre-wedding couple's consultation & complimentary photography session at a location of your choice

> Guest Arrivals – Ceremony – Bride and Groom – Guests plus Family Photography

Professional Editing of Photographs with printing rights

Password protected online gallery with free download access

Travel expenses included up to a 100 mile radius from Milton Keynes















Silver Package

£775

My mid range package designed with slightly more coverage of key moments throughout your day which starts 1 hour before your ceremony

> Pre-wedding couple's consultation & complimentary photography session at a location of your choice

Guest Arrivals – Ceremony – Bride and Groom – Guests plus Family Photography

Reception – Speeches – Cutting of the Cake First Dance Photography

Professional Editing of Photographs with printing rights

Password protected online gallery with free download access Travel expenses included up to a 100 mile radius from Milton Keynes

Gold Package £1095

This is the most popular choice for those wanting all the bells & whistles

Pre-wedding couple's consultation & complimentary photography session at a location of your choice

Full day's coverage starting at your convenience Bridal preparations and bridal portrait session

Guest Arrivals – Ceremony – Bride and Groom – Guests plus Family Photography

Reception – Speeches – Cutting of the Cake

First Dance Photography Evening Slideshow 1 Hours Dance Floor Photography Photo Film

Professional Editing of Photographs with printing rights

Password protected online gallery with free download access

Travel expenses included up to a 100 mile radius from Milton Keynes













Frequently asked questions

Can we meet you before our wedding

Absolutely, in fact I insist on it! I never take a booking without meeting a couple first. I always like to discuss your arrangements in person either in the privacy of your own home or at a location of your choosing wherever that may be in the UK. Here we can chat about all your plans and you may ask me any questions you may have regarding my services.

Can we give you a list of photographs we specifically want

Yes of course this is normally discussed in the pre-wedding consultation, and every wedding I have covered there has been a list from the bride. Despite having a "photojournalistic" approach there will always be a place for some "formals" and I still believe it's nice to see all the family & friends dressed up for the day's celebrations and it's one of my favourite parts of the day

What equipment do you have and what if it breaks down on our day

I only use pro-Spec Canon cameras. I have 3 Full frame bodies that are used throughout the day and one in reserve as a spare, plus an assortment of very (expensive) high quality "L" series lenses. These are specialist items that enable me to work in fairly low light without the need to use a flashgun (I cannot use any type of flash photography during the ceremony). They deliver exceptional image quality and enable me to work above and beyond the scope of ordinary lenses that come with a consumer camera. My equipment is serviced on a regular basis and it is meticulously checked before I leave the house. I only use high quality memory cards, batteries, audio recording & microphones, lights & modifiers flashguns (for outside work) umbrellas, light meters, laptop a projector & screen

What happens if the weather turns bad

Should the weather turn wet, my contingency plans include high quality studio lights that can be set up in a suitable room inside your venue. But if you're ok with it we can shoot around the weather – sometimes rain or snow adds a nice dimension

Are you fully insured

Yes absolutely as a professional photographer I have public liability and professional indemnity insurance

What happens if you cannot attend

I have never been that ill to attend something I was booked to do. But I do have a couple of friends who I trust and would stand in for me should the situation arise

Should we purchase an album

Even though we now live in a digital age where we view everything on an assortment of screens, I believe having an album and physically leafing through the pages is an experience in itself. On anniversaries you will be able to watch the story of your wedding day unfold from page to page from the bridal preparations, through the ceremony right up to the magical fairy-tale moment that was your very first dance together as husband and wife. Through my images you will re-connect with how you felt on that day and I believe it's because of how we seem to concentrate on pictures better, when we are holding them in our hands. This then is your family heirloom its pages will reveal what it was like to be there on the best day of your life. I design all my clients' albums personally to guarantee the very best in presentation and longevity using industry recognized sources that

presentation and longevity using industry recognized sources that deliver outstanding quality & value, you will not be disappointed. Please note that Albums & Coffee table books are not included in any of my wedding packages, they are available as additional items. Please see my website for more information.

How will you dress for our wedding

I make a point of turning up at a wedding dressed for the occasion, I wear smart clothing shirt & tie

Thank you

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