

PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN CHURCH
SOUTH YARRA

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STEP TWO

Contact the Parish Office

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Frequently Asked Questions

Date And Time

When arranging your wedding, you need to contact the parish office in order to arrange an interview with one of the parish clergy. Normally, the one of the parish clergy is the Celebrant. Clergy of other denominations are not able to celebrate weddings at Christ Church. A tentative date will be arranged but this cannot be confirmed until you have met with one of the parish clergy.

NOTE: Bookings must be confirmed at the first interview and within 4 weeks of the initial enquiry. A deposit (non-refundable, see Fees below) is required.

It is essential to do this before making arrangements regarding the date and time of your wedding and before printing and sending out invitations.

Under Australian Law a wedding cannot take place with any less than one month's notice.

No weddings are celebrated during Holy Week and Easter Day nor on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King (24-25 November). Sundays and Public Holidays are not always possible and a surcharge is required.

Church Requirements

According to Church practice, at least one partner must be baptised. It is also desirable that you both attend Sunday worship regularly as part of your preparation for the sacrament of Christian Marriage.

Same-Sex Marriage

Unfortunately, under current Australian law it is not possible for marriages to take place in Anglican churches between two people of the same sex. This is a matter of regret for the Christ Church clergy and community.

Re-Marriage of Divorced Persons

The re-marriage of a divorced person within the Church may only take place after consultation with the priest and with permission from the Archbishop.

Legal Documents Required

1. Notice of Intended Marriage. This form needs to be completed no more than 18 months and no less than 1 month prior to the intended date of the marriage. (This will be done in the first interview).
2. Passports or Birth Certificates are required for people born in Australia. By law, the priest must see the Passport or Birth Certificates of each person to be married. If you do not have one of these documents, or you were born overseas, the priest will discuss with you what other forms of identification might fulfil the legal requirements.
3. Photographic identification with current residential address. Drivers licence, proof of age card or current identification card displaying the cardholder's photograph produced.
4. Consents: Marriage of any person under 18 years without an order of a Judge or Magistrate is invalid. Under NO circumstances can 2 persons under 18 (years) marry each other.
5. Evidence of the Termination of a Previous Marriage. If a person has been divorced or widowed, evidence of such, viz. *Decree Absolute of Divorce* or *Death Certificate*, must be produced.

Interviews

Couples for marriage will usually have three interviews with the priest: the first to discuss initial arrangements and complete the necessary paperwork; the second to discuss the details of the marriage service; and the third as a rehearsal for your wedding. Please bring your identification documents to the first interview.

Marriage Preparation

This will be done either individually or in a group. Arrangements will be made at the first interview. The cost is not a part of the Wedding Fees.

Rehearsal

This will be arranged at the second interview. It is normally on the Wednesday or Friday before the wedding. Please note that musicians will not be present at the rehearsal.

Witnesses

The signatures of the bride and groom on the certificates must be witnessed by two people over the age of 18. These are often the best man and chief bridesmaid or parents of the couple.

Flowers

Church flowers (a single large white arrangement) are arranged by the parish and are included in the fee. Additional or alternate flowers can be organised through the parish's florist, Victoria Whitelaw, for an additional charge. This should be discussed during the wedding interviews.

Ribbons

The church ribbons can be used or couples may supply their own. They must not be attached to pews with glue, pins, etc.

Verger

The parish verger assists with preparing the church for weddings and ringing the bell at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Wedding Music

Unless you wish to have no music at your wedding (in which case the organist's fee is waived), an organist appointed by the Parish will play. If alternate musicians are used, contractually the organist's fee is still payable. **Recorded music (including CDs etc.) are not permitted**, and all music performed at the wedding and those performing it must be approved by the Director of Music. The Director of Music, Michael Fulcher, can provide professional soloists, choirs and other ensembles as required. Please contact him to discuss your requirements after your second interview. Please understand that non-sacred music is often more suited to the reception than at the service. It is not necessary to have hymns, but if you believe one would be appropriate (and that your friends will sing it), please discuss this either with the Priest or the Director of Music. (music@ccsy.org.au)

Nuptial Eucharist

If you wish to have Holy Communion at your wedding service, then this can be arranged with the priest.

Printing of Order of Service

Copies of the Order of Service can be printed for you. This will be discussed with the priest at the second interview.

Readings and Prayers

This booklet contains a list of suitable Bible readings and prayers. You will need to select the one or more reading and three prayers. Again, this will be discussed at your second interview.

Confetti And Rice

Please stress to your friends that confetti and rice must not be used at Christ Church.

Photographs And Videos

There is no objection to photos and videos inside the church. However, experience has proved that people moving around and flashlights are very distracting to the couple and the priest (and others) and detract from the atmosphere of the occasion unless some control is exercised. It is essential that you give the enclosed page on Photography in the Church to your photographer and/or video person.

Wedding Fees

The fee for weddings at Christ Church is currently \$2,900. This includes the services of the clergy, vergers, bell ringer, organist, use of church and grounds, provision of one flower arrangement and Order of Service. It also includes a booking deposit of \$700 (not refundable). The balance is payable four weeks before the wedding (or prior).

The choir is available at an extra cost (which is negotiated with the Director of Music). This will be invoiced separately from the main fees for the wedding.

Old Vicarage Centre

This Centre is available for hire as a venue for two hours for small receptions. Enquiries to Parish Office.

Car Parking

If your wedding is on a weekday during school term, parking space within the Church grounds will be limited to disabled parking only.

Proforma for an Order of Service at CCSY

The Marriage
of
Name
&
Name



1 January 2011 – 3.00pm

Christ Church South Yarra

Wedding Party

Name
Name
Name

Name
Name
Name

Flower Girls

Name
Name
Name
Name
Name

Page Boy

Name

Celebrant

The Revd

Organist

Siegfried Franke

Parish Verger

(Please be present in the moment with us by switching off your mobile phones and refrain from taking photos during the ceremony; we'd love it for you to watch with our eyes not through a lens)

Gathering in God's Name

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ALL In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

ALL The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them. *[1 John 4:16]*

HYMN

*Words of welcome, followed by the Preface of Marriage,
ending with the following prayer:*

ALL So let us pray with (N) and (N)
as they prepare to exchange their solemn vows:
Blessed are you, loving God,
your Spirit binds us together.
**Crown our lives with your goodness;
sustain us all our days with your love.**

Bless (N) and (N) with wisdom and pleasure.
Be their friend and companion in joy,
their comfort in need and in sorrow.
And when this life is ended
welcome them into your presence,
there with all your people
to praise your holy Name:

ALL **Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
as in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.**

Ministry of the Word

A reading from

read by

After the readings

ALL For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

The Wedding

(N), will you give yourself to (N),
to be her husband,
to live with her according to God's word?
Will you love her, comfort her,
honour and protect her,
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her
so long as you both shall live?

I will.

(N), will you give yourself to (N),
to be his wife,
to live with him according to God's word?
Will you love him, comfort him,
honour and protect him,
and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him
so long as you both shall live?

I will.

To the congregation:

Families and friends,
you are witnesses to these vows.
Will you do everything in your power
to uphold (N) and (N) in their marriage?

ALL **We will.**

I, (N),
in the presence of God,
take you, (N),
to be my wife;
to have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
so long as we both shall live.
All this I vow and promise.

I, (N),
in the presence of God,
take you, (N),
to be my husband;
to have and to hold
from this day forward
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
so long as we both shall live.
All this I vow and promise.

The rings are received and blessed

God of steadfast love, by your blessing,
let these rings be a symbol
of their love and faithfulness
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I give you this ring
as a symbol of our marriage.
With all that I am and all that I have
I honour you; in the name of God. Amen.

I receive this ring
as a symbol of your love and faithfulness
to the end of our days.

The priest joins their hands and declares to the people

Before God and in the presence of us all,
(N) and (N) have joined hands
and made their solemn vows,
promising life-long faithfulness to each other.
In the name of God,
I declare them to be husband and wife.
What God has joined together, let no one separate.

God the Father lovingly enfold you,
God the Son grace your home and table,
God the Holy Spirit crown you with joy and peace.
The Lord bless you and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Music during the signing of the Marriage Register:

The Prayers of the People

read by (N)

After each prayer all respond: **Amen.**

Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray:

ALL Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. **Amen.**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in such harmony with one another,
in accord with Christ Jesus,
that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ALL Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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(Kindly note, confetti or rice must not be used)

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Music At Weddings

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Congratulations on your forthcoming nuptials. I look towards to working with you for what will be a wonderful wedding here at Christ Church.

In consultation with the Priest, you must decide at your second interview whether music will have some role in your wedding service. If music is not part of your understanding of Christian worship, you should not feel pressured to include any. In this case, no musician's fees will be charged to you.

If you do choose to include music, and as you have chosen to be married in an Anglican Church, I would like to offer you a few facts of our musical heritage, and to relate these to your wedding.

Since pre-Christian times, musical instruments have been used to add to all kinds of ceremonies, both sacred and secular. Music is able subjectively to communicate many emotions without words or visual pictures, and thus, when well chosen, it is able to enhance the emotional experience of any occasion. A professional musician is aware of the psychological effects of music, and is trained to choose music that will evoke emotional responses appropriate to any ceremony.

During the seventeenth century, pipe organs were installed in large public buildings (including churches) for two reasons: their tone is sonorous and sustained enough to resonate throughout large buildings; and, because the sound of each played note continues with even volume so long as the player holds down the key, the organ is especially suited to accompanying, whether the human voice, or another instrument. This tradition continues today in many of Melbourne's civic halls and churches, and in their ceremonies.

Our pipe organ was built by Kenneth Jones and Associates of Dublin, Ireland in 1998. Kenneth has a world-wide reputation as a fine organ builder, with instruments in every continent. Its volume and resonance are perfectly suited to our church's acoustic, and its tonal colours are varied and brilliant. An organ is nothing without a fine player, and our three staff organists all hold posts either here at Christ Church, or at St Paul's Cathedral or Trinity College, Melbourne. All are professional church musicians and accomplished liturgical and recital organists. The organist's fee is included in the all-inclusive Wedding Fee at Christ Church, and is only deducted if no music is to be used at all.

Instruments other than the pipe organ (or its substitutes, such as synthesisers and harmoniums) are often used in Anglican liturgy, regularly accompanied by the organ. The human voice is the most commonly employed, whether as soloist, chorister, or hymn-singer, but just about anything is possible, from a trumpet (or a trumpet trio) to a harp. Soloists individually charge between \$150 and \$300, depending on their instrument, the music we ask them to play or sing, and the rehearsal time required.

The Choir of Christ Church South Yarra is well-known as one of Melbourne's most accomplished Parish Choirs. It consists of people of all ages, some professional singers (who

are remunerated for their work here), and advanced amateurs, whose understanding of the Christian faith places importance on the corporate singing of fine music in God's honour. The Choir is able to sing at a high standard all repertoire which I consider appropriate for weddings, from Handel to John Rutter and beyond. If you wish to have the full Choir at your wedding, a fee of \$800 is payable, although it is possible for us to engage a smaller group of singers for a minimum charge of \$400. Sometimes, employing two solo singers may be better (and cheaper!) so that they can sing some solo works, and help lead any hymn singing.

A stereo system is not a musical instrument, and it is an infringement of copyright to broadcast professionally recorded music in any public arena without a licence; this includes all Christian wedding services, which are public by definition. Single use licences are usually prohibitively expensive, making the use of recorded music impossible at weddings. **This is a matter of law, and is not specific to Christ Church.**

When you are choosing which instruments you wish to use at your wedding, it is important to keep in mind the type of music they will be playing. The criteria by which I judge something to be appropriate for use in liturgy in my professional opinion are as follows: is the music “good”, and is its text (if it has one) appropriate for use in church? If the music is “good”, it contains no verbal text, its emotive content is applicable to liturgy, and the necessary musicians to perform it are available, I would consider it to be appropriate regardless of whether it was written by Bacharach or Brahms: a rock band or a jazz trio should be equally at home in our church as a choir or an organist.

Please understand my opinion that music with sung non-sacred texts is often more suited to the reception than the service, as by definition its motivations and implications exclude God. The ministry staff at Christ Church are adamant that liturgy only contain elements that Christians believe are directly related to and in part motivated by God — priests and musicians are professionals who are employed to make decisions as to what is appropriate for use in church, and people who take seriously our worship of God. Therefore, it is up to us what is, or is not appropriate for use in liturgy at Christ Church.

Usually, a wedding at Christ Church will be accompanied by the organ, which will play before the arrival of the bridal party, during the bridal procession, for the signing of the register, and during the recession. The reason why some things become known as “traditional” is because they work, and this pattern is no exception. If you are happy with this recommended format, we suggest that you listen to the listed music on YouTube. The works presented have been selected by professional church musicians as suitable not only for use in church, but also for the specific purposes under which they are listed in the contents (on page 15). Please enter your selections for the bridal procession, during the signing of the register, and for the bridal recession on the form which you were given at your interview. Prior to the service (whilst the congregation awaits the arrival of the bridal party) the organist will choose and play a selection of suitable works. Please note that any music you would like to include in the service in addition to that which is detailed in this paragraph must be arranged through me. Your friends and family may be visiting Christ Church for the first time, and it is my job to ensure that the impression of this church's music that they form is aligned to our regular worship, and that the substance and standard of all music is appropriate.

It is not necessary to have hymns at weddings, but if you believe one would be helpful (and that your friends will sing it), please discuss this either with me or the Priest. Suitable hymns are listed in this booklet.

If you would like to increase the musical interest of your wedding by asking me to book a soloist, or some kind of ensemble (whether this be choral or instrumental), or if you would like to discuss some other proposal with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes for what must be a very busy time for you, and for a wonderful Wedding.

Organ Music for Weddings (you can listen to all of these on YouTube recordings)

WEDDING (EXIT/ RECESSION) or BRIDAL (ENTRANCE/ PROCESSION) MARCHES

1. Trumpet Voluntary - J Clarke
2. Trumpet Tune - H Purcell
3. Trumpet Voluntary - J Stanley
4. Prelude to a Te Deum - M Charpentier
5. Music from Royal Fireworks Suite - GF Handel
6. Processional from Water Music Suite ~ GF Handel
7. A Wedding Fanfare ~ A Bliss
8. March in C - H Purcell
9. Music from Abdelazar - H Purcell

BRIDAL MARCHES (ENTRANCE/ PROCESSION ONLY)

10. Minuet from Berenice - GF Handel
11. Serenade - J Clarke
12. Bridal March from Lohengrin - R Wagner

SIGNING OF REGISTER

13. Canon in D - J Pachelbel .
14. Jesu, joy of man's desiring - JS Bach
15. Air from Suite No. 3 (Air on the G string) - JS Bach
16. Ave Maria - Bach / Gounod
17. Ave Maria - F Schubert
18. Air from Water Music Suite - GF Handel

WEDDING MARCHES (EXIT/ RECESSION ONLY)

19. Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - GF Handel
20. Hornpipe from Water Music Suite - GF Handel
21. Toccata ~ T Dubois
22. Symphonia to Cantata 29- JS Bach
23. Toccata from 5th Symphony - CM Widor
24. Wedding March: A Midsummer Night's Dream - F Mendelssohn

List of Approved Hymns for Weddings

Please note that certain hymns are more suited to the beginning, end, or middle of your wedding, and that some hymns are not suitable for congregation alone (i.e. they require leadership from a choir). Please discuss your proposals with either the Priest or the Director of Music. He or she will be able to show you the full text and music of each hymn at your second interview. Resources Used:

A&M NS	Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard. Canterbury Press: Norwich, 1983.
NEH	The New English Hymnal. Canterbury Press: Norwich, 1986.
SA	Sing Alleluia. Collins Liturgical: Blackburn, 1987.
TIS	Together in Song. Harper Collins Religious East Melbourne, 1999

Choir Present

All my hope on God is founded	A&M NS 336
As man and woman we were made	TIS 645
Brother, sister, let me serve you	TIS 650
Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove	TIS 402
Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation	TIS 203
Father, hear the prayer we offer	A&M NS 113
For the beauty of the earth	TIS 137
God is here; as we his people	A&M NS 464 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)
Let bells peal forth the universal fame	NEH 395
Life is great! So sing about it	A&M NS 482 (Tune 263I)
O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace	A&M NS 152
O perfect love, all human thought transcending -	TIS 603 (either as set or to tune 617)
O praise ye the Lord	A&M NS 203I
Our God be gracious unto us	TIS 37
Sing a new song ... Creation sings	TIS 166
Where love and loving-kindness dwell	SA 95

Choir Present or Not

All people that on earth do dwell	TIS 59
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	TIS 547
Come down, O love divine	A&M NS 56ii
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	TIS 580
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy	TIS 613
Lord of creation, to you be all praise	TIS 626
Love divine, all loves excelling	TIS 217i
Morning has broken	TIS 156
Now thank we all our God	A&M NS 205
O God, our help in ages past	A&M NS 99
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	TIS 134
The King of love my shepherd is	TIS 145
The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want	TIS 10
When the light of first creation	TIS 698

Additional hymns may be appropriate if your wedding includes the Eucharist, but hymns not listed here will rarely be considered. The popular English national song *Jerusalem* is not appropriate for weddings.

Readings and Prayers for Weddings

Bible Readings

You need to choose at least one Reading from this selection. If your wedding is to be a Nuptial Eucharist, two Readings are required;(one of which must be a Gospel reading).

(1) Genesis 1: 26-2:4

A Reading from Genesis:

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

For the Word of the Lord.

(2) Genesis 2: 18-24

A Reading from Genesis:

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

For the Word of the Lord

(3) Song of Solomon 2: 8-14

A Reading from the Song of Solomon:

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face,
let me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is lovely".

For the Word of the Lord

(4) Song of Solomon 4: 1-7

A Reading from the Song of Solomon:

How beautiful you are, my love,
how very beautiful!
Your eyes are doves
behind your veil.
Your hair is like a flock of goats,
moving down the slopes of Gilead.
Your teeth are like a flock
of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing,
all of which bear twins,
and not one among them is bereaved.
Your lips are like a crimson thread,
and your mouth is lovely.
Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate behind your veil.

Your neck is like the tower of David,
built in courses;
on it hang a thousand bucklers,
all of them shields of warriors.
Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle,
that feed among the lilies.
Until the day breathes and the shadows flee,
I will hasten to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.
You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you.

For the Word of the Lord

(5) Song of Solomon 8: 6-7

A Reading from the Song of Solomon:

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
it would be utterly scorned.

For the Word of the Lord

(6) Romans 12: 9-18

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

For the Word of the Lord

(7) 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain

nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

For the Word of the Lord

(8) Ephesians 3:14-19

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

For the Word of the Lord

(9) Colossians 3: 12-17

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

For the Word of the Lord

(10) 1 John 3: 18-24

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has

commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

For the Word of the Lord

(11) 1 John 4: 7-16

A Reading from the First Letter of John:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

For the Word of the Lord

(12) Matthew 5: 1-12

A Reading from St Matthew's Gospel:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For the Word of the Lord

(13) Matthew 7: 21-29

A Reading from St Matthew's Gospel:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.' "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—

and great was its fall!" Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

For the Word of the Lord

(14) Matthew 22:35-40

A Reading from St Matthew's Gospel:

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

For the Word of the Lord

(15) John 2: 1-11

A Reading from St John's Gospel:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the Word of the Lord

(16) John 15: 9-16

A Reading from St John's Gospel

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

For the Word of the Lord

The Prayers of the People

You need to choose three prayers.

If your wedding is to be a Nuptial Eucharist the Prayers at letter "J" are used.

A For faithfulness

God of all grace,
friend and companion,
look in favour on N and N,
and all who are made one in marriage.
In your love deepen their love,
strengthen their wills
to keep the promises they have made,
that they may continue
in life-long faithfulness to each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

B For joy of loving

God our Creator,
we thank you for your gift of sexual love
by which husband and wife
may delight in each other,
and share with you the joy of creating new life
By your grace may N and N remain lovers,
rejoicing in your goodness all their days.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

C For children

Lord of life,
you shape us in your image,
and by your gracious gift
the human family is increased.
To N and N grant the blessing of children.
Fill them with wisdom and love
so that they and their children
may know and love you,
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

D For an existing family

God of all grace and goodness,
we thank you for this new family,
and for everything parents and children have to share;
by your spirit of peace draw them together
and help them to be true friends to one another.
Let your love surround them
and your care protect them,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

E For grace to live well

Faithful God,
giver of all good things,
give N and N wisdom and devotion
in the ordering of their life together.
May they dwell together in love and peace
all the days of their life,
seeking one another's welfare,
bearing one another's burdens,
and sharing one another's joys;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

F For discipleship

Eternal God,
without your grace nothing is strong, nothing is sure.
Strengthen N and N with patience, kindness, gentleness,
and all other gifts of the Holy Spirit,
so that they may fulfil their vows they have made.
Keep them faithful to each other and to you.
Fill them with such love and joy
that they may build a home of peace and welcome.
Make their life together a sign of Christ's love
in this broken world,
that unity may overcome estrangement,
forgiveness heal guilt,
and joy conquer despair;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

G For the families of the couple

Gracious Lord,
bless the parents and families of N and N
that they may grow in love and friendship.
Grant that, as they have witnessed these vows today,
They may find their lives enriched and strengthened and their loyalties confirmed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

H For the healing of memory

Loving God,
you are merciful and forgiving.
Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past
may experience your generous love.
Heal their memories, comfort them,
and send them all from here
renewed and hopeful,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I For the joy of companionship

All praise and blessing to you, God of Love,
creator of the universe,
maker of man and woman in your likeness,
source of blessing for married life.

All praise to you for you have created
courtship and marriage,
joy and gladness,
feasting and laughter,
pleasure and delight.

May your blessing come in full upon N and N.

May they know your presence
in their joys and in their sorrows.

May they reach old age in the company of friends
and come at last to your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

J A prayer for all people

Almighty God, look graciously on the world which you have made and for which your Son gave his life. Bless all whom you make one flesh in marriage. May their life together be a sign of your love to this broken world, so that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy overcome despair.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May N and N so live together that the strength of their love may reflect your love and enrich our common life.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

May they be gentle and patient, ready to trust each other, and, when they fail, willing to recognise and acknowledge their fault and to ask each other's forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

[May N and N be blessed with the gift of children. Fill them with wisdom and love as they care for their family.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer]

May the lonely, the bereaved, and all who suffer want or anxiety, be defended by you, O Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

May those whose lives are today brought together be given wisdom, patience and courage to serve one another in Christ's name.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

May friends and family gathered here, and those separated by distance, be strengthened and blessed this day.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We praise you, merciful God, for those who have died in the faith of Christ. May we be strengthened by their example.

These prayers may conclude with:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Photography in the Church at Weddings

It is important that photographers – still and video, know what is acceptable in the performance of their job to record for the bride and groom their wedding. The main point is that the couple should marry one another without distraction. This is a solemn occasion for them. Photographers have an important role in recording the occasion, but need to be unobtrusive. Photographers who do not observe the guidelines will not be welcomed back!

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE on the south side of the church is not available for photographs. It is the place where cremated remains are interred and is set apart from all other uses. The Vicarage garden is private and not for photographs.

STILL PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1 Guests at the wedding should be told not to take photos in the church as there is an official photographer who can be relied on to do a professional job. In addition they tend to use flash and this is distracting to everyone.
- 2 (a) The photographer may use flash or photos of the bride and groom coming in and going out, but sparingly during the ceremony.

(b) He or she may take shots from the side of the Sanctuary.

(c) The register is signed as soon as the couple are declared man and wife. Flash is permitted during the signing of the register which is done on the left side of the altar. The photographer can expect the bride (and groom) to be ready for photos as soon as they have signed and after the witnesses sign.

Videos

Christ Church is lit at the altar by several large strong lights, normally adequate for photography. Auxiliary spotlights are not permitted because, like flash, they distract the bride and groom.

Video photography is permitted on the understanding that it will not be obtrusive. The operator must check with the priest as to where he may stand, but in general –

1. No movement is acceptable during the ceremony (except that during the signing of the register, the operator may come to the signing point).
2. If the operator wishes to have a front view of the couple during the ceremony he must be prepared to stay in one position at either left or right in the transept as agreed.

BASIC RULE : All done quietly and unobtrusively; with minimum movement and using flash sparingly.

Payments

CCSY Electronic Deposit Details

Name of Account: Parish Council Current Account

BSB: 703 122

Account number: 05009322

The current fee for a wedding is \$2,900. The deposit for a wedding is \$700. This deposit secures the date and time of the wedding at the church.

The balance of \$2,200 must be paid in full one month before the wedding.

Please when making an electronic deposit in the description include the word Wedding and the initials of the couple being married.

e.g. Mr Tom Jones is marrying Ms Shirley Bassey.
Then the description would be Wedding TJSB



Relationship Counselling And Education Services

Individuals, Couples and families



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Introducing Lifeworks

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Our staff can help you with relationship reconciliation, parenting, separation, remarriage, step-family and family conflict issues.

LifeWorks specialises in providing services and support to help overcome the challenges of relationship break-down, separation and parenting after separation and divorce.

LifeWorks also provides Employee Assistance Programs, including counselling, dispute resolution and customised training for organisations and their employees.



Our counselling and relationship programs cover topics such as:

- personal development
- beginning new relationships
- marriage, defacto and same sex relationships
- resolving conflict
- rebuilding after separation or divorce
- violence and abuse in relationships
- understanding step-families
- positive parenting, grandparenting and step-parenting
- understanding the impact of cultural differences
- balancing work and family
- handling workplace conflict
- understanding grief and loss
- preparing for retirement.



Our Costs

Fees for counselling and dispute resolution services are based on a sliding scale according to your income and ability to pay. Group program fees are affordable and negotiable.

Booking Appointments

If you would like an appointment for counselling or dispute resolution, please telephone the branch nearest to you.

More Information

If you would like further information about our group programs or to discuss the possibility of tailoring a program to meet the needs of your organisation, please ring our Melbourne city office on 8650 6200, email us on lifeworks@lifeworks.com.au or visit our website www.lifeworks.com.au.



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Happily Ever Before and After

INFORMATION FOR COUPLES PLANNING TO MARRY

MARRIAGE IS IMPORTANT

Your celebrant is handing you this document because the decision to marry is one of the biggest decisions a couple can make. Marriage is a significant step which will bring a number of changes for you, your spouse and your family.

This document tells you:

- the process of getting married in Australia,
- some important legal consequences of getting married, and
- where relationship support services, such as marriage education, family counselling or dispute resolution services may be obtained.

GETTING MARRIED IN AUSTRALIA

In Australia, marriage is regulated by the *Marriage Act* 1961, which sets out the process for getting married and the legal requirements of a valid marriage.

1. A completed **Notice of Intended Marriage** form must be given to your celebrant at least one month (and up to 18 months) before the wedding.
2. You and your partner must provide your celebrant **with evidence of your date and place of birth, identity and the end of any previous marriages**.
3. You must both sign the 'Declaration of no legal impediment to marriage'. By signing the Declaration, you declare that you believe that you are of marriageable age, and that there is no legal impediment to your marriage.
4. On your **wedding day**, your celebrant will solemnise your marriage. Your celebrant will then ask you, your partner and your witnesses to sign up to three marriage certificates.
5. After your wedding, **your marriage celebrant will register the marriage** with the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the State or Territory where your marriage took place.

MARRIAGE IN AUSTRALIA: SOME IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Health and Welfare benefits

If you receive health or welfare benefits, you will need to contact the relevant agencies to advise them that you have married. These agencies will advise you if your benefits will change. You may lose benefits and even be penalised if you fail to tell them you have married within a reasonable time after the Wedding.

Changing your name

Any person who marries may choose to take their spouse's surname. You are not legally required to take your spouse's surname once you are married.

If you wish to take your spouse's surname, you must obtain a certificate of marriage issued by your state or territory Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. This is usually sufficient evidence to have your personal documentation (e.g. driver's licence) changed to your married surname.

The certificate you received on your wedding day is ceremonial and will not meet the identity requirements of many government agencies, such as the passport office.

Citizenship

If you marry an Australian citizen, you do not have an automatic right to Australian citizenship. You will still need to apply for citizenship and satisfy the eligibility criteria. You can obtain further information from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website at www.immi.gov.au.

Making a Will

Marriage will invalidate any previous Wills unless your Will clearly shows you were planning this marriage when you made it.

It is important that you make a new Will when your personal circumstances change. This ensures that you have a valid will that gives effect to your intentions about how you want your assets to be distributed in the event of your death. A solicitor can help you make or change a Will.

Taxation after marriage

When you marry, the amount of taxation you pay may change. It is advisable to contact the Australian Taxation Office, a tax agent or an accountant before marriage to discuss any tax implications.

STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE

Before marriage: Marriage Education

Solid relationships set you up to meet the changes and challenges of life. It is important to develop good communication and sound relationship skills early, so that you can fall back on these skills during difficult times.

Pre-marriage education prepares couples for marriage by providing skills and information to build lifelong marriages. Courses are also available to explore the added dimension and complexity brought to a marriage by children from a previous relationship.

During marriage: Family Counselling

Keeping relationships on track is not always easy. Relationship problems can arise at various stages of our lives. While having a shaky moment does not mean your relationship is in trouble, it may be a sign that you could do with some help.

Family counselling can help couples come to terms with the many changes that happen during a marriage, such as the personal and interpersonal issues to do with children and family. Family counsellors can help you work through emotional problems with your spouse or partner, or to reach agreement about your parental responsibilities.

Marriage breakdown: Family Dispute Resolution

Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) can help separating couples to reach agreement about property, money, and - most importantly - any children. The law requires separating families who have a parenting dispute to make a genuine effort to try to sort it out through FDR.

An accredited FDR Practitioner can help you discuss issues, look at options, and reach agreement. Importantly, FDR can help you to develop a parenting plan to set out arrangements for any children.

For more information about the services and advice available for couples and families, visit the Family Relationships Online Website at www.familyrelationships.gov.au or phone the Family Relationship Advice Line on 1800 050 321.