

Holy Trinity Church

Avonside

Christchurch

Ushers Invite two people to be ushers. The ushers have an important role in welcoming your guests to the wedding, as well as handing out Service sheets and showing the guests to their seats.

Photographers Photographs may be taken by one official photographer who must make contact with the Priest before the day of the wedding. A good opportunity for this to take place is at the rehearsal. Video recordings may be made by prior arrangement. Again the video operator must consult with the Priest before the Service. The photographer must not detract from the Wedding Service and must follow instructions. The final directions of the Priest are non-negotiable. No additional lighting may be introduced into the Church.

Flowers If you wish to have flowers in the Church you need to take responsibility for organising this. Please ask your flower arranger to consult with the Vicar concerning the placing of the flowers.

Confetti No confetti, rose petals, rice, etc are permitted in the Church.

Payments

Church - \$200

Organist - \$100

Verger - \$40

Clergy - donation

There is no set fee for the officiating clergy but you are welcome to give a gratuity if you wish. Please put the appropriate amounts in cash in separate envelopes marked Organist, Verger, Church and Clergy. Then present them at the rehearsal.



Wedding Information

To confirm your booking a \$50 non-refundable deposit is to be paid to the Parish Office. If for any reason you wish to cancel or alter the date of your wedding please phone the Parish Office (ph 389 6948). This is a courtesy as someone else may wish to use that date and time for their wedding.

Celebrant The Vicar, the Revd Hugh Bowron, will celebrate your wedding. Your next step after phoning the Parish Office or reading this pamphlet is to meet with him to complete the booking arrangements. Occasional exceptions are made to allow another celebrant to take a wedding where a family has had a long association with Holy Trinity, and have a strong connection with a priest who has become close to the family.

Wedding Service The Anglican Church has three alternative forms of Wedding Services, and there are choices and options within each of these for you to choose from. Writing your own wedding vows are not part of the way we do things here.

Readings There are usually two readings at a Wedding Service. A selection of suitable Bible readings will be suggested. At least one of the readings must be from the Bible. Preferably both will be from the Scriptures. Quality poems or prose are a possibility. Kahil Gibran is not among the range of options.

Length of Service A Wedding Service usually takes about half an hour, although extra readings and hymns may extend the time a little.

Music After meeting with the Vicar, please contact our music director, Ron James (ph 352 4888) to discuss your selection of hymns and music. CD's and tapes are not an option. You can bring your own instrumentalists or singers in addition to our organist, providing that the music chosen is in keeping with a Christian marriage service in a beautiful, traditional church.

Marriage Preparation Holy Trinity provides more than just a ceremony. We have a pastoral responsibility to support you in every way we can as you make the biggest commitment of your life. The Vicar will meet with you for two or three marriage preparation sessions. These are based on the method used by Relationship Services. Couples are asked to write down their honest answers to a number of fundamental questions to do with their being married. At the end of the session they share their answers. The purpose is to make sure that you have discussed the key issues in being married, and to open up a dialogue that will enable you to negotiate other issues as they arise.

Marriage Licence This is essential. Your marriage licence can be obtained from the Registrar of Marriages from 3 months prior to the wedding date. The Christchurch Office is at Level 6, NZI House, 96 Hereford Street. Call Free: 0800 225252. Please hand the licence to the Vicar at the wedding rehearsal.

Rehearsal This is usually held the day before the wedding, and involves mainly the couple. The rest of the wedding party need only attend the beginning of the rehearsal.