

WEDDING POLICY



ANGLICAN PARISH OF
TARADALE

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Marriage is a sacred event in the Christian Church. We appreciate the beauty of our church buildings and are delighted that others share in that appreciation, however, we are mindful that their primary purpose is to facilitate our worship of God. We are very happy to conduct weddings in the Parish of Taradale where it is understood that the service is a Christian service involving promises made to, and before, God. As you choose the right venue for your wedding, we ask that you take time to consider these things as we would neither wish to cause offence nor be offended by any misunderstandings.

What will this mean? Firstly, please note that the Canon Law of the church requires at least one of the couple to be a baptised member of the Christian Church. We are also required to use a service from the New Zealand Prayer Book, which provides several alternatives. If you are hoping for a wedding service in which you can be more creative than this - such as writing your own vows - then an alternative venue may be more helpful to you. Since the wedding is a Christian service, it will be necessary for you to discuss your faith with the Vicar as a part of your wedding preparation. Please don't feel intimidated by this - we very much understand that everybody is in the process of following a faith journey.

The relationship preparation will also involve completing a detailed questionnaire and spending several sessions unpacking the results from this. The reason for our asking you to undertake this preparation is because we believe strongly in offering all the help that we can towards making marriages lasting relationships. We would rather help you build solid foundations now than assist in the sombre task of counselling those with relationship difficulties.

As you can see, we take marriages very seriously! Our intention in explaining our position and our policies to you is to ensure that you will be ready and willing to make yourself available for the preparation required and that we can work together on a service that will offer integrity and meaning to all concerned.

THE PROCESS

Initial enquiry



Receive this pamphlet - if
you decide to go ahead ...



Appointment with Vicar.
Pay \$100 (administration).
Confirm wedding date.



Undertake preparation - \$45
fee payable on first meeting.



Send licence to parish office
and pay balance
two weeks before "The Day".



Rehearsal - usually the
afternoon/evening before ...



The BIG day!



It is our wish to do all we can to make your wedding service a joyful and memorable celebration, so let's get some of the nuts and bolts out of the way!

COSTS: We invite you to make a total donation of \$500.

Administration	\$100	(to be paid when the date is confirmed, non refundable)
Organist	\$50	
Verger	\$30	(the verger looks after security, lights, heating, sound, books, etc)
Minister	\$150	
Facilities	\$170	(contribution towards lights, heating, cleaning and upkeep of church)
TOTAL	\$500	
Preparation programme	\$45	(may be paid by credit card when the questionnaire is completed)

LICENCE: It is your responsibility to get a licence and ensure that the name of the minister and the church address is correct - *All Saints' Church, Cnr Church and Puketapu Roads, Taradale*. Any Births, Deaths and Marriages Office can issue this up to three months in advance. Alternatively the form may be downloaded from www.dia.govt.nz.

FLOWERS: The normal Sunday flowers will be in the church and they are always very nicely done. If you want flowers of a particular type or colour you will need to provide them yourselves, and arrange through the Vicar for our flower ladies to use them. We do not expect our ladies to arrange extra flowers. If you wish to add extra vases of flowers you may do so, but please do not move the Sunday flowers already there.

If you wish to decorate the ends of the seats, you may do so.

During Lent (the six weeks before Easter) we do not have Sunday flowers in the church. However, during Lent people usually bring their own flower arrangements to the church and take them away after the ceremony to grace the reception.

CONFETTI: Our church is a 'Confetti Free Zone' - it is incredibly difficult to clean up!

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO: You are welcome to have photographs and video taken in the church. The professional photographers are all very discreet. If you have amateurs doing this then we ask that they come to the rehearsal to discuss it with the Vicar.

ST THOMAS' CHURCH is also available for very small weddings, but it has very limited facilities, making wedding logistics difficult.