

WEDDINGS

Getting Married at St John's

St John's is an attractive and well-located church for a traditional Anglican Wedding. It is usual that those seeking to be married at St John's will have some link to the parish, or will live in the local or neighbouring suburbs. The clergy are always happy to discuss the possibility of conducting your Marriage, but please note that St John's Church is not available as a hire venue for weddings.

Would you like to get married at John's?

Please read the information below, and then contact the Parish Office.

Requirements

- Australian legislation requires that a Wedding conducted at St John's must be according to the Rites of the Anglican Church of Australia and is to be officiated by one of the parish clergy. Only in exceptional circumstances will approval be given for a visiting celebrant, who must also be an Anglican priest. It is also a requirement that at least one member of the couple be a baptised Christian.
- If one or both of the couple have been married before and divorced, the priest is required to seek prior permission of the Bishop to marry the couple. This requires a sensitive discussion with the couple at the initial interview.

Contact

- Initial enquiries to ascertain the availability of the church and a priest for the proposed date and time, and to clarify other procedural matters, ought to be made through the Parish Office;
- In due course the priest will contact the couple to arrange the date and time of an initial interview and subsequent interviews;
- See below for contact details for the Parish Office.

Wedding Times

- The Wedding Service would normally be on a Saturday, with the latest time to commence being 3.00pm. Please note that St John's is unavailable for Weddings during Holy Week and Easter (23 March-1 April 2024; 12 April-21 April 2025; 21 March-6 April 2026) and in the week preceding, and week after, Christmas Day (25 December). St John's has seating capacity for 90 persons.

Fees

- At St John's, the standard fee for a Wedding is \$1300. A deposit of \$650 (which includes a non-refundable administration deposit of \$300), is required to be paid when securing your booking and confirming the date of your Wedding. The final balance must be paid 14 days prior to the day of the Service or rehearsal.

The Fee includes:

- Two or three interviews with the priest;
- Administrative costs, preparation of forms, government certificates and documentation, and commemorative certificate;

- Discussion of Service details (basic Service for Marriage or in the context of Holy Eucharist) and any items so the ceremony may be as personalised as possible
- The use of the St John's church, garden surrounds and carpark;
- A rehearsal with the priest and wedding party, usually held a day or two before the Wedding day;
- A church verger/assistant;
- The installed church sound system (including microphones) is available. Where the couple engage a videographer/photographer, they are to ensure that those engaged have the appropriate copyright licence for any music selected by the couple;
- The setting up and use of the church, with candles on the altar;
- Bows on pews;
- Flowers – two white artificial flower vase arrangements will be prepared for the ceremony. Alternatively, the couple may wish to make private arrangements for flowers in the church, (or if extra flowers are required), at their own expense;
- Preparation of Wedding booklet containing the order of service. The final text and details of the order will be arranged with the couple following discussion and planning with the priest, and must be confirmed at least one month before the Wedding day;
- St John's can provide a very simple printed order of service: black and white on white paper, in small quantities only. If a bespoke booklet is required, the couple may make their own arrangements at their own expense.

Please note that confetti, in any form – paper, rose petals, rice, is not permitted under any circumstances, in or around the church precinct.

To secure a booking

- The couple must meet with one of the church clergy to discuss their particular wedding details;
- specific arrangements, including date of the wedding, are agreed on;
- the 'Notice of Intended Marriage', must be fully completed and signed; and
- a deposit of \$650 must be paid.

For making payments, the church bank details are:

St John the Evangelist Epping General Account
Bank and BSB: Westpac 033-284 Account No: 710-733

Your Wedding enquiry is warmly invited.

In the first instance, please contact the Parish Office:

**St John's Anglican Church
789 High Street Epping 3076**

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