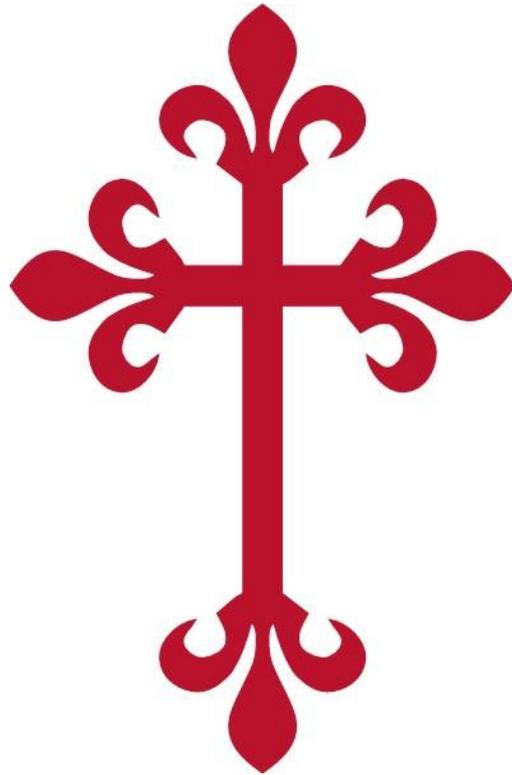


**The Anglican Parish of
St Peter
Palmerston North**



Weddings

First Things First

Let's begin by saying that we are glad that you are considering being married in a church. This leaflet outlines most of what you need to know when considering a Church Wedding.

Booking In

There seems to be a general conception that people can ring and book the Church, a little like booking a hall. This is not what happens.

When you come to the church for your wedding, you are effectively asking the church to make sacred the union you are about to begin. The church for its part, delights in the opportunity to take part in such a wonderful event and draws on its sacred traditions and rites as it blesses your marriage.

Sometimes, couples will want to bring customs, or ways of doing things, that come from non church origins. These do not always fit in with the ways of the church. You will need to speak to us about things you might want to do.

Can We Write Our Own Service?

The short answer is no. However we give you a variety of church approved services to choose from, and within each of those services, there are a number of options. If after that there are still some things you wish to have included, talk to us. We seek to maintain the dignity and flow of the service, but also hope it will be personal for you.

How Much Does It Cost?

We charge \$450.00 which covers the cost of the Church and Clergy. Additional costs depending on what you want for your wedding, are:



Organist \$100.00

Vergers \$60.00

Flowers \$150.00



What about the playing of CDs and Tapes

Unfortunately we do not have a sound system in our church. If you require one, you are free to bring a system of your own. Talk to us before you set it up. We have no problem with piped music.

What about photography?

Both still photography and video are permitted, provided that the photographers are not intrusive during the service. The sanctuary (where the altar stands) is sacred space, and photographers are not permitted to operate there.

What about Flowers?

At St Peter's, there is a flower guild, a group of women who with great care and love arrange the flowers for the church. We prefer that they arrange wedding flowers too. They are very willing to talk to you, and provide flowers to suit your occasion. Other decorations—candles and pew ends—are allowed, but we have some preferred materials. Please ask the flower guild about this too.

Can I bring my own Pastor?

Yes. Christian ministers of any denomination are permitted to officiate at weddings in Anglican Churches. However, a representative of our church will be present to welcome you and to help with practical concerns in the facility.

What about Preparation?

We like to prepare couples for marriage. Your wedding is just the beginning of a whole new life. We hope to provide you with some tools to support and enhance your life together.

Can we see inside the church?

Certainly. Contact the parish office by email or phone. The details are on the back of this brochure.

How far in advance should our Wedding be booked?

Our diaries accept any future date. If you want to be married during the busier time of the year (Jan- Feb-Mar) you may need to be in early, as much as a year in advance, to get your time secured.

I have lots more questions!

Contact us. You will not be committed to anything until you say so. We would be delighted to discuss your hopes and dreams. We would also want to help you achieve them.

Contacting us

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