

Marrying in the beautiful Cathedral Church of St. David



A Message from the Dean

Saint David's is a beautiful Cathedral and my staff and I welcome the opportunity to walk with you during the time of preparation for this milestone in your life together.

Weddings are happy times for the bride and groom as well as family and friends. We want your wedding to be a happy and memorable occasion that you will remember always with joy as we celebrate your promises of commitment to each other.

This brochure contains

- practical information
- wedding tips
- ideas to bring God into the day, and
- legal necessities.

Saint David's staff is experienced and, more importantly, want your day to be just right for both you and your family.

Any questions you have will be welcomed.

In the meantime the Cathedral congregations will be praying for you and look forward to you sharing with us, as you are able.

Be assured of our best wishes and prayers.

Richard Humphrey
Dean of Hobart

Proclaiming Jesus as Lord in the heart of Hobart
to build a community of living faith, profound hope and practical love.

What you must do

Confirm arrangements on the Marriage Application Form. Return the form to the office as soon as practicable. Your wedding booking and specific time is then set in the diary awaiting payment of the non refundable deposit of \$150.

Changes – as to date or time or other arrangement (bells, flowers etc,) must be in writing. This is placed on file. We will only change your booking on written request. Please keep us informed of changes to your address, email address and telephone number(s.)

Legal Notice & Documents – The government form must be signed, witnessed and received at least one month and one day before your wedding. Cathedral Clergy can act as witnesses
You need to provide original or certified copies of full birth certificates, of which we will take a copy for use up to the time of the wedding.
If applicable you may need to provide Citizenship certification; Evidence of death of a former spouse, or Termination of any former marriage.
These documents must be brought to your first interview with the Celebrant.

Yes there are fees These are available on the website, although they do vary from time to time and will be confirmed when the wedding booking is made. Note some fees are optional such as the bells and additional flowers. St David's organ is one of the finest in Australia. We recommend you and your guests enjoy it.
Fees are payable once an invoice has been issued usually a month before the wedding.

Flowers – at St David's are of a very high quality. Please contact Mrs Norma Gordon (03 6244 1271). As flowers are seasonal, colours and specific varieties are subject to availability and cost. Please note that additional charges will be payable for special requests.

Baptism or confirmation – under Church law it used to be required that at least one of the parties to Christian marriage must be baptised. This is no longer the case but you may decide to be baptised or confirmed after exploring the nature of a Christian marriage.

Remarriage after divorce – should either or both of you be a divorced person the permission of the Bishop must be obtained for you to marry in St David's Cathedral. It is important to allow time for this process to occur.

Is it wise to prepare for marriage?

With the pressures on marriage, secular celebrants and Christian clergy recommend exploring the exciting journey of commitment. You are about to make a huge investment in each other, it makes sense to do what you can to get a good return on it, as you learn how best to love, support and nurture each other.

- Some marriage preparation will be done through the interview process
- You may wish to do the Prepare/Enrich course which can be organised through the Cathedral or other agencies
- Look at other relationship courses that are available
- Do your own reading on relationships.

What makes a marriage Christian?

The three great Christian virtues of faith, hope and love are all great supports for a relationship and it is no surprise that research has shown that Christian faith strengthens marriage.

We are more than happy to spend time with you exploring the Christian faith with courses like, either as a couple or as part of a larger group. *Christianity Explained*

Must I come to Church?

No! But you will be most welcome and please introduce yourself to us when you come.

Obviously as a Cathedral we love people gathering with us. But it also makes practical sense that you get used to being in the building in which you will celebrate one of the most meaningful days of your lives. The more comfortable you feel in the Cathedral the more relaxed your wedding day will be.

Does Saint David's have other requirements?

As we are a church, wedding services held here need to be appropriate for the setting as a place of Christian worship.

This means that there will be some restrictions on choices of music, readings and the format of the service. These will be discussed with you closer to the day.

But fundamentally we want you to be more interested in your marriage than your wedding. If you let it, your wedding day can take over your life till the big day, and your relationship can be put on the back burner. Keep working on the relationship confident that all will go well in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral.

We will pray for you

At our Sunday Worship, we will be praying for you as you make your preparations.

How many Interviews are required

If distance is a problem we will try to meet with your requirements.

There are usually three interviews.

At the first interview which should be arranged at least six months before the proposed date, appropriate information will be recorded. You will have from us a copy of the service from the Prayer Book with options clearly indicated. Your Notice of Intention must be signed at this time and practical details will be explained to you. We can explore the significance of Christian marriage in the Cathedral.

At the second interview you will confirm which options you have chosen and why? You may choose our short course or to proceed with further preparation. This is your choice.

At a third interview the Order of Service will be finalised.

The cathedral organist will be pleased to meet with you and discuss your musical requirements. Please make arrangements for this, if necessary, through the officiating clergy. Recorded music is not encouraged and will incur additional costs.

Orders of Service

Orders of Service can be prepared by the Cathedral staff. You will need to provide the choices you have made for the service leaving enough time for you to carefully check the document prior to printing. Any special paper or covers will be at your expense.

Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal, usually in the week before the service. The parents of the bride or any person escorting the bride should be present. Try to have all the bridal party present.

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