



# Weddings

at Anglican Churches Springwood



We are pleased to hear about your forthcoming marriage and wish you every joy and happiness. The following information is to help you with the arrangements for your wedding and to acquaint you with the normal policy regarding weddings at this church. We want to be as helpful as possible and to ensure that your wedding day is both meaningful and happy.

In the Marriage Service of the Anglican Church, those assembled ask God for his blessing. The bride and groom make solemn vows before God and commit their married life to Him. Accordingly, we seek to help couples to take their relationship with God seriously as well as their marriage relationship.

We are committed to helping you prepare well for your marriage. We look forward to meeting you and sharing with you in your marriage plans.

Steve Young  
*Senior Minister*

## Preparations for Marriage

Our general pre-wedding requirements are as follows:

### **1. Attend the Initial Interview**

This takes about 30 minutes. The dates for the wedding service and rehearsal are set, other requirements are clarified and any questions you may have will be answered. Administration fee to be paid.

### **2. Attend an Introduction to Christianity Course**

We regularly run a number of courses which teach the basics of the Christian faith. We ask that you attend one of these courses.

### **3. Church Attendance**

If you aren't in the habit of coming to church, we ask that you give church a go with us and to get a feel for Christian community and learn more about the Christian faith. We can advise you of the service that is most suitable for you.

### **4. Relationship preparation**

We strongly recommend that all couples take part in a marriage preparation program. You will discuss various aspects of your relationship in preparation for your marriage. This generally requires around three meetings with the minister. The cost of this program is approximately \$50, payable directly to *Prepare Enrich*.

### **5. Remarriage of divorced persons**

If either person has been divorced, a minister needs to discuss the matter with you before we can commit to taking your wedding. The permission of our Regional Bishop needs to be formally obtained. This will include personal questions about previous relationships. The aim of this process is not to judge but to ensure that the wedding can go ahead in good conscience in line with Biblical principles.



# Other Information

## **COST**

The total charges for the wedding are as follows:

<i>Administration</i>	\$50 (non-refundable, paid upfront to secure your date)
<i>Church Fee</i>	\$800
<i>Organist</i>	\$100 (if required)
<i>Verger</i>	\$150
<i>AV Tech</i>	\$100 (if required)

All payments are to be finalised two weeks before your wedding. The church fee takes into account the Minister's time in preparation, rehearsal and ceremony as well as the substantial costs involved in the upkeep of the church building and grounds as a heritage site.

All required payment can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer to the church's account:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** *Christ Church Springwood*

**BSB:** 062 601

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 10061657

**DESCRIPTION:** *Wedding + <last name>*

## **MUSIC**

All music selections must be approved by the minister. We have organists who are available to play at weddings. Arrangements for recorded music, bands and/or a person to operate the sound system please discuss with the church office.

## **FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

Couples need to arrange their own flowers and other decorations. All decorations must be removed from the church promptly after the service. We do not allow confetti, rice or flower petals to be thrown on the church premises.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Please ask any official Photographers and Videographers to introduce themselves to the minister before the service.

## **VERGER**

The Verger will open and close the church and remain at the church throughout the wedding. The Verger will be responsible for the set-up of the church including the sound system, cooling/heating and furniture. Furniture must not be moved by the wedding party without permission.

## **MINISTER**

According to the policy of the Anglican Church, only Anglican ministers are able to conduct weddings in consecrated Anglican buildings. If the couple wishes to bring their own Anglican minister it may be possible for them to conduct the ceremony in our church by arrangement with us.

## **CAPACITY**

Christ Church comfortably seats up to 180 people.



## Next Steps

If you wish to proceed, please contact the Church Office to arrange a time for an interview between you and one of our ministers and organise your attendance at the next Introduction to Christianity course.

For your initial interview please bring:

1. The *Notice of Intended Marriage* form, filled in but not signed.
2. Both of your original Birth Certificates if born in Australia, or a valid current Passport if you were born overseas.
3. A form of photo I.D.

## Church Services

### **THE FACTORY**

*28 Lawson Road, Springwood*

Sundays 10am, 6pm

### **CHRIST CHURCH**

*345 Great Western Highway, Springwood (parking via Charles Street)*

Sundays 8.30am, 4.30pm

Thursdays 11am

### **WINMALEE**

*349 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee (parking via Reid Road)*

Sundays 8.15am, 10am



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