

We are glad you are considering St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Bendigo for your wedding.

Our aim is to make your wedding day very special.

Here are some important things to consider for your wedding day:

Booking Fee:

To secure the church for the particular time and day of your wedding, you will need to pay \$100.00 to St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral Bendigo.

This fee is due when you book your wedding and is non-refundable.

Wedding Fees:

A further wedding fee of \$550.00 includes:

- The minister's fee
- Church hire
- Flowers
- administration
- Marriage Preparation costs

Additional fees:

- Organist \$150.00
- Bell ringing \$50.00 donation to the Cathedral Tower Restoration Fund

These fees are to be paid by, and no later than the time of your wedding rehearsal.

Please note that during the special seasons of Lent (*40 days before Easter*) and Advent (*4 weeks before Christmas*), no flowers will be supplied. However you may supply your own flowers.

Ministers:

At St. Paul's we use the rites of the Anglican Church of Australia, led by one of our clergy team. It may be possible for another minister to take part, by reading from the Bible or leading prayers. Please discuss this with the Dean if you wish someone else to be involved in leading the service.

Documents:

Notice of Intended Marriage: between one and eighteen months before your wedding, you must complete a *Notice of Intended Marriage* with the minister.

Birth Certificates: of both the bride and groom must be sighted by the minister. (A passport is appropriate if you are not an Australian Citizen).

Divorce: If you have been divorced, you will need to discuss this with the minister. The minister seeks permission from the Bishop to conduct the marriage and you must also provide a copy of the *Decree Absolute*.

Marriage Preparation:

Following government requirements, it is mandatory to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course entitled Prepare/Enrich. It examines your attitudes to finances, communication, conflict resolution, family of origin, family type, sexuality, expectations of marriage, etc.

During your first interview you will be given access to an online questionnaire to complete. Your minister discusses these results with you in two or more sessions.

Couples have told us that it is most helpful, especially knowing that their own work on their relationship has been going in the right direction. We hope that you will see the value of putting at least this amount of time into your ongoing marriage, rather than simply preparing for the wedding day itself.

The Marriage Service:

At your first meeting, you will receive a sample order of service, a leaflet called "Happily ever after" and a booklet of suggested readings.

The service itself takes about 40 minutes.

Where is the Church?

Please give your guests some instructions about how to find the church. E.g. it is located at 6 Myers Street, Bendigo – between Mitchell and Williamson Streets, opposite Coles Supermarket.

Music:

Our organist, Stan Jackson 5446 8038, is available for consultation about music – modern or ancient. We thoroughly recommend Stan for his professionalism, adaptability and helpfulness in your planning. If you want commercially made CDs, you will need to discuss this with the Dean.

Hymns:

Your service may also include Holy Communion and hymns. Please let us know early in the planning stages, as this can add time to the service.

Rehearsal:

Your wedding rehearsal will normally be on the Thursday or Friday before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange the day and time.

A rehearsal takes about one hour, and it is important that all involved know what is happening on the day. You should ask readers as well as attendants to attend.

We ask that you pay remaining fees at the rehearsal.

Ushers and seating:

Please designate two people as ushers who will hand out service leaflets.

On the day:

The groom and his attendants should arrive at least *15 minutes* before the ceremony.

We ask the bride to be considerate of others and arrive on time.

Photographer:

Please ask your photographers to help your wedding timetable by factoring in extra time for photos as you arrive at the church.

Confetti:

Confetti, flower petals, bubbles &c. are only to be used in the gardens adjacent to the church – not in the church and not on the street. If need be, your ushers can hand them out at the end of the service.

Help:

Weddings can be stressful events, so we suggest that you plan well ahead and relax and even enjoy your preparations!

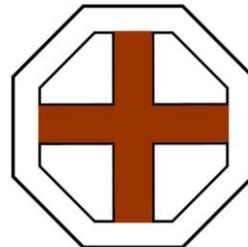
We are here to help.

Regular Service times**Sundays**

- 8am Said Eucharist
- 9.30am Choral Eucharist
- 11am CELEBRATION Eucharist with Children's Church
2nd Sunday of the month youth led service
- 6pm 2nd Sunday of the month Taizé style worship
4th Sunday of the month Evensong

Weekdays

- Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
- Wed 8.30am Morning Prayer
10.30am Eucharist
- Thurs 8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist

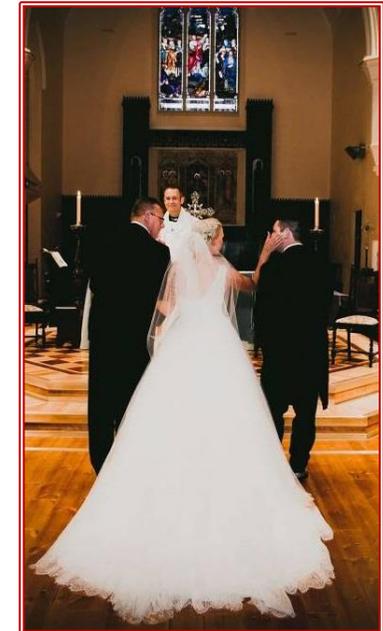


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