

So You'd Like to be Married at the Cathedral...



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A Planning Guide for Couples

We are delighted that you are interested in being married at the Cathedral, and we welcome your inquiry. Weddings are special and sacred events, and we want to help you plan your wedding in such a way that it both conforms to the norms and expectations we have here at the Cathedral and also is both appropriate and memorable for you and your families.

The information contained in this brochure is designed to give you some assistance as you begin the planning. We are here to help and can always answer any questions you may have.

1. First things first

The Cathedral is just as busy and heavily booked on weekends as any reception hall. Make sure you have confirmed the date and time with the Cathedral before you sign a contract with a reception hall. Our Diocese requires **a minimum of 60 days notice**.

2. How much will it cost?

The cost of a wedding is dependent upon the options you choose. The fees are reviewed annually and the current rates are listed on page 3. The Anglican Church requires couples to participate in Marriage Preparation. These courses are available locally and on-line and registration fees vary.

3. Do I have to be an Anglican?

No. But one of you must be baptized a Christian by the time of the wedding. As part of the process of preparations, arrangements can be made to be baptized before the wedding service.

4. Licence

All couples must purchase a Marriage Licence. Licences can be obtained through the office of the Town Clerk at a cost which is adjusted from time to time (currently \$141.00). You will need to provide identification, birth information for parents, and if divorced, a copy of the certificate and court file numbers.

The License is valid for 90 days after the date of issue, so do not leave it to the last minute, or purchase it too soon. After the wedding you will need to pay an additional fee to receive a marriage certificate from the Registrar General of the province, which is the only legal proof of your marriage. A couple may, as a courtesy, have banns read in the Cathedral only if they are members in good standing of a church congregation for 6 months prior to the date of the wedding, and only if they are present in one of their home congregations on each of the three Sundays preceding the wedding. The Anglican Church no longer performs marriages on the basis of banns alone.

5. What else do we need to do?

We require all couples to meet with one of the clergy on at least four occasions prior to the wedding. First, to confirm the date and time, to identify fees, to outline options for participation in a program of marriage preparation, and to address any questions about the form of service, etc. Second, to discuss your experience of the marriage preparation program. Third, to receive the marriage licence, remainder of fees and to discuss final details of the service and fourth the rehearsal itself.

6. About the Wedding Party...

You must each have a principal witness (Maid/Matron of Honour, Best Man). In addition, there are often groomsmen, bridesmaids, flower girls, ring bearers, etc. We encourage people to keep the size of the wedding party appropriate to the size of the wedding itself.

7. Odds & Ends

From Canada Day to Labour Day, a nave altar and re-arranged seating is used. Normally, the Cathe-

dral organist provides (and approves) all music to be used at the wedding. Other musicians may be included in the wedding but only with the authorization of the organist. The wedding couple may, in consultation with the clergy, add to the marriage vows and to the Prayers of the People, but they may not be replaced or removed. The inclusion of the Celebration of the Eucharist is encouraged at all weddings and the clergy will be able to advise the couple on these details. Photographers and videographers are often a part of the wedding and we will do everything to accommodate their needs, while maintaining the integrity of the services as a holy and sacred moment. The Cathedral will assist with flower arrangements, decorations, candles, etc. through members of the Altar Guild. Parking is available at the rear (East side) of the Cathedral but is limited to approximately 35 cars.

8. Getting Started

Contact the Cathedral Office for availability of possible dates. The Executive Assistant to The Dean will arrange an initial meeting for the couple with a member of the Cathedral Clergy.

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Cathedral	\$500.00
Clergy	\$250.00
Organist	\$250.00
Sexton (rehearsal & wedding)	\$100.00
Altar Guild	\$ 50.00
Aisle Candles	\$100.00
Full Order of Service (cost per 100 copies)	\$ 50.00 min.
Bulletin (cost per 100 copies)	\$ 25.00 min.
<i>Deposit (required at time of booking and is not refundable)</i>	\$100.00

The deposit may be made by cash or cheque, payable to “Christ’s Church Cathedral” and is due at the first meeting with the clergy. All other fees are to be in cash and are due two weeks before the rehearsal.

