



Getting married at St. David's Cathedral

Saint David's Anglican Cathedral in the heart of Hobart is a beautiful and popular place to hold a wedding ceremony. We welcome couples to make their promises of commitment before God in this beautiful cathedral.

This document will help you understand the process of getting married at St. David's and hopefully will answer many frequently asked questions. If there are other questions please feel free to contact us.

Can I get married at St. David's Cathedral

We love to help couples to get married, so we hope so. You do not need to live in the Hobart area or even in Tasmania. You do not need to be an Anglican, or even currently attend a church. It does not need to be a big wedding, as we have the beautiful Nixon Chapel.

As an Anglican Church there are some restrictions. It is normal that at least of the couple have been baptised, please speak to us if this an issue. Services must be authorised Anglican service, which means marriage as traditionally understood between a man and a woman. Lastly if either of you have been divorced you will need to have the permission of the Bishop. This involves a short interview with both of you and the Dean.

Arranging a Wedding at St. David's

Contact the Cathedral Office either by phone or email to look at available dates. Any chosen date will not be confirmed until it has been cleared with the Dean and the non-refundable deposit paid. (An invoice for the remainder will be sent prior to the service. There is a current schedule of fees at the end of this brochure.)

You will then receive confirmation of your booking along with a *Booking Information Form* and the *Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM)* both of which should be returned to the Cathedral Office as soon as possible. The NIM does not need to have been signed at this time as it can be signed when you meet with the Celebrant. When you meet with your Celebrant you will need to bring your birth certificate (original or certified copy, a photocopy is not sufficient) and any other requested documentation. Any desired changes to the wedding booking should be made in writing.

You will normally have at least two meetings with your Celebrant. Firstly for marriage preparation at which you will sign your NOIM, and secondly for wedding preparation.

Preparing for Marriage at St. David's

It is just as important to prepare for your marriage as well as your wedding. We are in fact more interested in your marriage than your wedding and we encourage you to take a similar attitude. If you let it, your wedding can take over your life until the big day and your relationship can go on the back burner.

You are about to make a huge investment in each other and it makes sense to do what you can to both protect it and get a good return on it.

Marriage preparation will be an important part of the process of meeting with your Cathedral celebrant. Marriage preparation is often done with more than one couple in a two hour session with the Dean.

There are also helpful marriage preparation courses such as *Prepare/Enrich* which help you to focus on strengths and growth areas in your relationship. This involves answering a number of questions about your relationship and meeting with a trained facilitator. There are additional costs which you can discuss with Cathedral staff.

You can also do your own reading on relationships.

We would encourage you to think about what the Christian faith offers to strengthen your marriage. The Christian virtues of faith, hope and love are great supports for marriage. We would love to explain these ideas more fully with you.

If you live outside Tasmania, it may be appropriate for you to do your marriage preparation locally, we will seek to assist with this where we can.

Preparing for the wedding

Your Cathedral Celebrant will take you through the service options for your wedding and further discuss the matters below.

Rehearsal

Usually held in the week prior to the service. It is important to have as many of the bridal party present as possible. This should be arranged with the Celebrant a month prior to the wedding.

Orders of Service

Orders of service can be prepared by Cathedral staff on the basis of choices you make. Any special paper or covers are at the couple's expense.

Flowers

Two (2) high quality arrangements are provided by the Cathedral as part of the wedding cost. As flowers are seasonal, colours and specific varieties are subject to availability and cost. There may be additional charges payable for special requests. Please contact Mrs Norma Gordon (03 62441271) to discuss your floral requirements.

Music

We encourage the use of the Cathedral organ which is part of the cost of the wedding. Recorded music is not encouraged and may incur additional administrative costs.

Bells

These need to be arranged through the Cathedral Office when booking the wedding. Due to limited number of ringers it is not always possible to provide bells.

Photography & Video

There are some restrictions on photography to protect the sanctity of the service.

Who conducts the service?

One of the ministers of the Cathedral. Other Anglican ministers can also celebrate with permission of the Dean. It is not possible for ministers of other Christian denominations to be the celebrant but they are welcome to participate in the service by for instance preaching or praying, again with the permission of the Dean.

The Cathedral is a living Community

The Cathedral's ministry extends beyond weddings to a whole variety of community activities, worship services, festivals and so. This may mean that the interior of the building will on occasion have displays which are relevant to these activities and which will remain in place for the wedding.

Schedule of Fees

Fixed Wedding Costs \$1800

Includes Cathedral service, Celebrant, Organist, Verger, Administration, Floral arrangements (x2)

Deposit (Non-refundable) \$200

Optional Costs

Bells \$400

Prepare/ Enrich \$200

Livestreaming/ recording \$100

You will be invoiced for the cost of your wedding usually a month prior to the wedding. All fees must be paid at least a week prior to the service.

Fees can be paid via direct deposit to

St David's Cathedral Fees Account

BSB 017 010

Account No. 0012 34095

Please indicate name and wedding date in reference and alert the office by email so a receipt can be prepared.

For more information

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