

*Weddings
At The
Anglican Parish
of
Hanover
and
Durham*



*Weddings at
St James, Hanover
& Trinity, Durham*

A wedding is a 'sacrament' in the Anglican Church. A 'sacrament' is an outward and visible sign of God's grace. In the case of a marriage this means that as a couple say vows, join hands and exchange ring(s) these outward actions become a sign of God's grace manifested in the love God has for each of them and the love the couple has for each other.

The Service:

The wedding service we use comes from the Anglican Book of Alternative Services. There is some flexibility for personal preferences with in the service.

Marriage Preparation:

Marriage preparation is required within the Anglican Church. Arrangement for marriage preparation, either as part of a group or individually, will be discussed with the priest.

Process:

Usually the couple meets with the clergy at the church to discuss marriage and what it means to the couple. At the meeting the time of the wedding is booked and one or two other appointments to discuss the service and any other arrangements, as is necessary.

Vows:

The traditional wedding vows are used in an Anglican wedding; and are within the traditions of the Anglican Church of Canada. There is flexibility for personal promises to be added, should the couple wish. In all cases, these vows remain sacred promises made to each other in the presence of God.

Flowers:

We request that any flowers placed on the altar will remain there as a thanksgiving from the bridal couple.

Must the service be in the church?

Not necessarily! If you'd like your service performed elsewhere, please contact the priest.

Bible readings:

A list of suggested Bible passages will be provided. Again, there is the flexibility to move beyond those readings or to use a particularly meaningful reading from a non-Biblical source.

However, all readings must be discussed with and approved by the priest.

It is preferred that the chosen readings be done by family or friends of the couple.

Music:

Hymns, as part of the wedding service, are optional.

The couple should discuss their choice of music with the priest. Each church has a piano and an organ, and the church's musician can be used, or the couple can arrange their own musician(s) and/or soloist.

Church Seating Capacity:

St. James: 100 persons

Trinity: 150 persons

Typical Costs:

Church - \$150.00
- \$100.00 (for church members)

Priest - \$200.00

Organist - \$100.00
- (an additional \$50 for rehearsal with a soloist)

Fees should be placed in separate envelopes and given to the Priest at the rehearsal for distribution.

Other Things to Think About:

A Marriage License must be obtained (from any municipal office in Ontario) and given to the Priest at least 3 weeks prior to your wedding date.

Preparation of the bulletin will be discussed with the priest.

Video/photography information will be provided and should be forwarded to your photographer

Please make arrangements in advance if you wish the priest to attend the reception and say the grace.

No confetti, rice or seed please

We hope this will be one of the happiest and most joyous days in your life, and that these guidelines will be helpful in beginning your new life together.



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