

WEDDING INFORMATION

CONCERNING MARRIAGE

Those who are seeking marriage shall be baptized members of the Christian Church. If one of the persons has not been baptized, the matter will be referred to the bishop for direction. (*see Book of Alternative Services, page 526*)

NOTICE

The couple is required to give notice to the minister at least three months before the day proposed for the wedding.

DATE

The date and time of the Rehearsal and Marriage Service will be discussed at the time of the initial interview with the Clergy. One week following the initial interview, the couple **MUST** confirm their acceptance of the arrangements for the wedding ceremony. **At which time, they will make a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 and both will sign application form confirming their acceptance.**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

All couples are asked to attend a recognized Marriage Preparation Course. The "Humancare Programme" is recommended. Call "Humancare" - (905) 841-3173 to register. (**Web Site:** www.marriageprep.com.) In addition to the marriage preparation course, each couple will have at least three preparation meetings with the Clergy.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

It is expected that all couples, in preparation of their marriage, will attend the church worship regularly and participate in the community life of the parish.

OFFICIATING CLERGY

It is expected that one of the HTC clergy will officiate. If other arrangements are desired, this must be cleared with the Rector first. With regard to your reception, the clergy do not expect to be invited and if they are, may not be able to attend. If the priest is invited (and says yes), do clarify who is to say 'Grace'.

BANNS

Marriage by banns will only occur where both parties attend church regularly. Banns are read on the three Sundays immediately preceding the wedding. If one party of the couple getting married is a member of another parish or church, they must make arrangements with their clergy to see that banns be read in their own church as well as Holy Trinity Church, and that the form indicating this reading is signed by their minister or priest and returned to the officiating clergy before the wedding. Banns cannot be read for those who have been divorced.

LICENCE

If you do not qualify to be married by banns you must procure a licence from any Municipal Office. This can be done up to three (3) months prior to the wedding. ***The licence and return envelope (and the wedding fee) MUST be brought/sent to the church office at least TWO (2) weeks prior to the wedding.***

DIVORCEES

Divorced persons may be remarried in the Anglican Church. Where one partner is or both applicants are, divorced, proof of the divorce (Decree Absolute of Divorce Certificate or Legal Letter of Opinion if divorced anywhere outside of Canada) must be presented. The officiating minister must be assured adequate provision has been made for any children born to the previous marriage which applicable.

ORGANIST

Music for the wedding must be discussed with the parish Director of Music, **Mrs. Elaine Pudwell (contact office for her telephone number)**. Please **contact her no later than ONE (1) MONTH prior to the wedding**. The organist's fees include one meeting to discuss and decide on the music (no photocopies please) for the wedding. If a soloist is assisting, music must be provided in the correct key. The fee also includes a brief rehearsal with the soloist one hour before the wedding. If extra rehearsal time is required an additional fee is applicable (see Fees).

If the wedding party intends to bring in their own musicians the fee to the Music Director cannot be waived.

SOLOIST

A gifted member of our parish, Stephanie Birrell, who has a beautiful voice and professionally trained is available to sing solo. Please **contact her no later than TWO (2) MONTHS prior to the wedding**. The \$200 fee includes two songs and rehearsals. Additional songs are available and priced accordingly.

SEXTON (A Church Official)

The Sexton (caretaker) is asked to be present before, during and after the wedding to ensure there are no distractions, to guide the photographer, to assist the wedding party in lining up, and to clean the premises following the wedding. **NO CONFETTI** is allowed in any part of the building or on the grounds of the church premises. Please ensure that guests are aware of this regulation.

PUNCTUALITY

Couples are expected to be **on time for the Rehearsal and the Marriage. A refundable late fee must be deposited with other fees.**

FEES

Please **bring/mail the fees & the marriage licence** to the Church Office at least **TWO (2) WEEKS** prior to your wedding day. Cheques are **payable to** Holy Trinity Church (**please NO cash**). More information is available from the church office.

BRIDAL PARTY

Prior to the wedding rehearsal please decide the order of the bridal procession and which usher will talk with each bridesmaid. This will assist the clergy at the time of the rehearsal.

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWERS

Brides are required to consult **Mrs. Hazel Denning (contact office for her telephone number)** concerning Altar Flowers **no later than TWO (2) MONTHS prior to the wedding date**. We will try to accommodate your wishes pertaining to the colour and flower preferences. Members of the Altar Guild will prepare the church for the wedding. Flowers for the altar, pew markers, candles, etc. are under their direction.

Note: If your wedding is being held on or close to a festival weekend (Harvest Thanksgiving/Christmas) there will be special decorations in the church.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

The ceremony is a service of worship and is intended for everyone to participate free of distractions. The use of Cameras (video and conventional) is at the discretion of the Clergy. In order to maintain a proper and fitting sense of dignity and reverence during the ceremony, it is imperative that you inform THE clergy of plans for photographs and video taping on or before the second interview. Your official photographer and/or videographer **MUST MEET WITH THE CLERGY BEFORE THE CEREMONY.**

Video recording is only permitted if the equipment and the operator are in place before the service begins. Video personnel is not permitted to move during the service nor use additional lighting. There are two permitted stations, i.e. the balcony and the back choir stall behind the pulpit.

EXTRAS

Information concerning candles, other decorations and the use of our lovely gardens is available from the office.