

GETTING MARRIED
AT
ST MICHAEL AND
ALL ANGELS



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
St Michael and All Angels

ŌTAUTAHI CHRISTCHURCH

Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering getting married at St Michael and All Angel's beautiful historic church. We want you to have a wedding that is joyous and reflects the personal hopes and dreams you have for your marriage. We ask that you respect the sacredness of St Michael's church as a place where we value the beauty of holiness.

First Steps - We firstly invite you to communicate with us regarding a date and time for your wedding and who will officiate. Your date will be penciled in. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will then secure your booking. Once all arrangements are agreed you will be invoiced for the balance which is due three weeks before your wedding.

You may wish to consider using our historic parish hall for your reception. Information about the capacity and the facilities are available from St Michael's Church office. However, bookings and all arrangements for using the hall are eventually made through the office of St Michael's Church School.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How much does it cost to get married at St Michael's?**
As costs can change please contact St Michael's office for details.
- 2. Can anyone get married at St Michael's?**
There is no requirement that either of you be Anglican. However, weddings that take place at St Michael's must be a Christian wedding.
- 3. Can our wedding be conducted by our own vicar, minister or pastor?** Yes. However please speak to our Vicar about your chosen clergyperson. If you are having our Priest officiate it will be an Anglican wedding using authorised services. The requirement that one of you be baptised is also requested.
- 4. Does it matter if one of us has already been married?**
No. A legally dissolved former marriage or civil union is no barrier to a wedding at St Michael's.

5. **Does it matter if we are already living together?**
No. We are glad that you have made the choice to enter into the state of marriage.
6. **Do we have to attend pre-nuptial classes or courses?**
No. However if our Priest is conducting your wedding, it is often encouraged that he or she would discuss some form of preparation for your marriage.
7. **Do we have to attend St Michael's church before our wedding?**
No, but we would love to welcome you to one of our services and for you to feel at home in our midst.
8. **Can we write our own vows?**
Yes. However, with final approval of the officiating Priest. Your own vows would be in addition to those spoken as part of the marriage ceremony (these are the 'I will' declarations).
9. **Can we provide or arrange our own flowers?**
Yes. Please speak to the Parish Administrator to hear about what, where and when floral arrangements can be placed and removed. Alternatively, you may be happy with the flowers already arranged in the church on Saturday mornings. Please note: Rose petals may be used outside the church building but we request that no confetti be used in or around the church.
10. **Can we have our own organist/pianist, musicians or recorded music?** Yes. We have a professional organist, a fine 3-manual pipe organ and concert piano. If you are using another organist please consult our Director of Music. Otherwise you can discuss your music options with the officiating Priest. The Verger will supervise the use of our sound system.
11. **What are our duties regarding the use of the church?**
There will be a Verger assigned to your wedding who will take responsibility for health, safety and building security. Your ushers will be asked to work with the Verger in case of an emergency. The Verger can also be your bell ringer. St Michael's is one of few remaining Christchurch churches with bells.
8. **What parking is available at St Michael's?**
There is no parking available on weekdays but you have full use of our church parking on Saturdays.

A final note: We try and not have weddings during certain special times of the year. These times are known as Lent and Advent. Lent roughly starts around the mid to end of February and finishes around the end of March, mid - April (depending when Easter falls).

Advent is usually most of December. These dates change each year. Please be aware of this when booking a wedding. Due to family arrangements or circumstance this may be negotiable.

What do we do next?

Please contact our Parish Administrator on 03 379 5236 or email them at office@stmichaelandallangels.nz to arrange an initial meeting. This is when we can provide additional information and answer any questions you may have.

Schedule of charges

There is a base charge for the church.
Verger/Bell Ringer included in the base charge.
Minister/Vicar including rehearsal—*Additional*.
Livestreaming—*Additional*.
Organist excluding rehearsal—*Additional*.

Please talk to the administrator regarding charges.

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