



These notes are offered to help you prepare for your marriage, and to plan your wedding ceremony.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Christian marriage is considered a sacrament in which God gives grace and love to couples choosing to live as husband and wife. It follows, therefore, that those who wish to be married according to the rites of the Anglican Church should be baptized.

BOOKING THE DATE

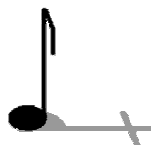
The first step is to call to arrange a meeting with one of the clergy. It is wise to do this several months in advance of your proposed marriage date. In all cases you must make an application no later than 60 days before the date you propose for the wedding.

PREPARATION

Normally you can expect at least three meetings with the priest who will officiate at your wedding. The priest will discuss with you the courses of Marriage Preparation you may follow (if you choose to do so), help you in arranging the details of your wedding ceremony, and will preside at the rehearsal (usually the night before the wedding).

MUSIC

Music is an important part of most wedding celebrations. The Parish Organist will be happy to discuss appropriate music with you. Occasionally couples have special reason to request a different organist or alternative music. This can be discussed with the priest.



FLOWERS

Unless you request otherwise, you will be expected to make your own arrangements with a florist for wedding flowers. If floral arrangements are placed on the altar they are left in the church following the service. All other flowers remain your own.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs may be taken as the bridal party processes at the beginning and end of the wedding, and during the signing of the register. Otherwise, photo opportunities are to be negotiated between priest and couple.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer books and hymn books are provided for the use of your wedding guests. Some couples like to provide a personalized printed order of service. If this is done, you may request that the Parish Coordinator undertake this service on a fee for service basis.

THE WEDDING FEES

The Priest is responsible for all documentation for your wedding. A Verger is responsible for all physical preparations at the rehearsal and the wedding. An Organist or other musicians are responsible for all musical arrangements. The appropriate fees/honoraria should be placed in separate envelopes and handed to the Priest at the rehearsal.

DECORATING

The decorating of the church is the responsibility of the couple being married Note: No confetti or rice please.

Planning Your Marriage
at
The Church of St. James the Apostle

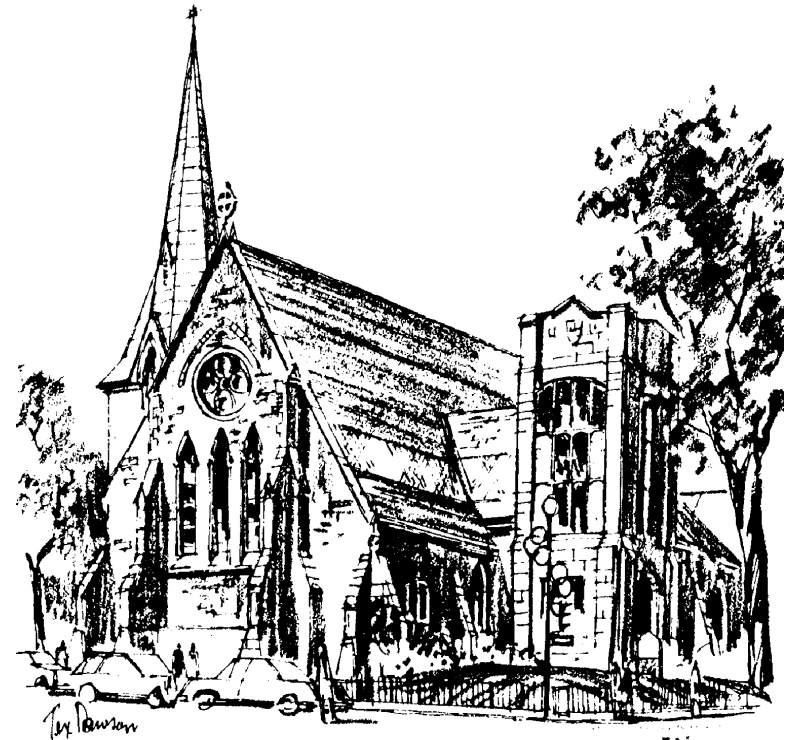
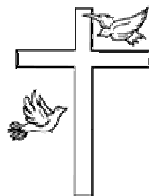
IF YOU ARE NOT A CHURCH MEMBER

Your marriage in the Church is a wonderful opportunity not simply to begin a new dimension of relationship with one another, but also a new relationship with God and the Church. We look forward to assisting you in both these pursuits.

WEDDING FEES

USE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE	\$ 600.00
USE OF THE CHAPEL	\$250.00
VERGER	\$ 40.00
MUSIC:	
Organist (including interview)	\$170.00
Organist (rehearsal with soloist)	\$ 50.00
Soloists and Trumpeters as requested	
SUGGESTED CLERGY HONORARIA A minimum of	\$300.00

Fee/honoraria should be placed in separate, marked envelopes, and given to the Priest at the rehearsal.



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