

# Weddings at Saint George's historic Church

Saint George's Church, Malvern is one of Melbourne's most beautiful Anglican churches.

The bluestone church was opened in 1869 and completed in 1888. Its well kept gardens add to its attractiveness. It is the choice of many couples for their wedding service.

## St George's Wedding Fee

Church, Flowers and Assistance with the Order of Service .....\$1,500  
Clergy.....\$300  
Organist.....\$300  
Vergers (2).....\$200

### Additional charges:

Organist (if required for rehearsal)....\$100  
Choir (if required for rehearsal).....\$300  
Cantor (if required).....\$100

## Music

Closer to the date of your wedding you will be put in contact with the Director of Music who will work with you on the selection of music to enhance your service. The fine pipe organ is the principal musical instrument in the building. Other choices are available and include instrumental groups and soloists. Recorded music does not work in this building and may contravene copyright laws.



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**Information sheet for couples who are considering a wedding at St George's**



## The Wedding Service

Wedding services at St. George's are Christian in their values and Anglican in their traditions. The service is determined by the prayer books used in Anglican Churches in Australia and brings together traditional elements with contemporary hopes for marriage. Couples are encouraged to make the service their own by the choice of music and readings, including hymns if you so wish. Services blend appropriate seriousness and celebration.

## A Church Wedding

A wedding in Church adds dignity to your important day. It reflects the value you place on your wedding and the ideals you share for your marriage. Since 1869, when this Church first opened, thousands of couples have stood before the altar here to make their vows and commitment to one another, and you can be among them. Marrying in Church offers you a link with past traditions and a living community where you may celebrate other important milestones in the years ahead.

## Making Arrangements

Initial enquiries are made through the Church Office. If the date and time of your choice is available, you will be asked to make an appointment to meet the Vicar to discuss your wedding plans and to confirm the arrangements. Please bring to that meeting a list of the questions you have concerning any aspect of the wedding arrangements. The Vicar will explain the legal and church requirements regarding weddings as well as answer your questions.

## Marriage Preparation

Couples committing to one another in marriage benefit from exploring their relationship prior to making this long term commitment. The pre-wedding workshops will enable you to understand better the dynamics of your partnership and enhance your future together. You will be able to work on improving your communication skills and learn to negotiate effectively so that you can resolve your differences in a way that strengthens your relationship. These programs are offered at Relationship Matters at <https://relationshipmatters.com.au>.

## Legalities

There are several legal forms which are completed with the celebrant. You will be guided in this process. In addition, you will need to establish your legal age by producing a full birth certificate (or a current foreign passport, if you were not born in Australia). This takes place at a second interview three months before the service. The minimum legal notice for marriage in Australia is a calendar month and one day.

## Service Booklets

The Vicar and the Parish Office will assist you in the production of a template for your service booklet. St George's holds the necessary copyright licences for the Service for Marriage and for hymns and readings. The office will produce a master copy of the service once your choices have been discussed with the Vicar and including the names of participants, for you to have printed. St George's cannot print Orders of Service.