

WEDDINGS AT LITTLE TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

We are delighted that you have expressed interest in being married at Little Trinity Anglican Church. Little Trinity has a long history of helping couples build strong, successful marriages. Our conviction is that as each partner continues to grow in his/her personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the community of His Church, the foundation for strong marriage is laid and the fullness of what God intends for couples is achieved.

Marriage can be wonderful and lifelong in Christ. However there are many threats. In order that we might help build the foundations of a great marriage, we require couples to agree to certain conditions before clergy commit themselves to perform any marriage in this church. We want to assure you that our concern for you is that each of you will discover the depth and joy of Christian love and that your marriage will be strong and stable.

1. **WE MAKE THE CHURCH BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.** If you are not presently attending any church, we invite you to start here this week and participate in our next Alpha event.
2. **WE REQUIRE ALL COUPLES TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING.** There are many things to think about in preparing for marriage: family backgrounds, roles and expectations, finances, communication, conflict resolution, sexuality, spirituality, in-laws, children and more. There is also a need to think through and plan the service itself. Therefore, we require a minimum of three one-hour counselling sessions with the clergy and/or anyone appointed by them. We ask that engaged couples meet with a married couple active at Little Trinity Anglican Church.
3. **AT LEAST ONE OF THE BRIDE OR GROOM MUST BE A BAPTISED CHRISTIAN.** A decision in a case where only one is baptised must be made by the area bishop. A course of preparation for baptism can occur with enough preparation time.
4. **THE SERVICE MUST CONFORM TO EITHER THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OR THE BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES.** We also request that any music be compatible with the Christian faith. Some requests for secular music may be denied.

5. **OUR CLERGY MUST BE IN FULL APPROVAL OF THE MARRIAGE BEFORE PERMISSION TO USE THE CHURCH IS GRANTED.** Because there are rare occasions when a request may be denied, we ask couples not to print invitations or service brochures before permission is granted.

Our concern in all of the above is your welfare and life together in Christ. You are embarking on a great adventure, full of promise, risk and hard work. We wish you well in all your plans and pledge our prayers for you both.

OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO YOUR WEDDING DAY:

LICENSE: We require all couples to acquire an Ontario license for marriage. These are obtainable from City Hall. Banns may also be read, if requested. Canon law does not permit banns to be read for couples in the case where either is divorced.

Please note: Under no circumstances may a wedding be performed in any Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto within 60 days of the first request.

The official license and all applicable fees should be delivered to the church office one week before the date of the wedding.

REHEARSAL: A rehearsal generally takes place on the evening before the wedding. All members of the wedding party meet with the officiating clergy.

FLOWERS: Please notify the church office (416 367 0272) of the time you wish to have flowers delivered in order that the caretaker may be notified and the church opened. We are delighted when some flowers are left in place for the Sunday Morning worship service when we pray for your marriage.

CONFETTI: Confetti may not be used in the church or on church grounds.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Discreet video taping may be allowed, with the prior consent of the clergy. The still and/or video photographer should be at the church 30 minutes before the service or at the rehearsal so that arrangements can be made with the clergy.

RENTED OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH YOU SUPPLY: You are responsible to ensure that rented, or other items which you supply, are removed from the church immediately after the ceremony and returned to the rental agency or other source.

ORGANIST: If the organist of Little Trinity Church is not available and someone else is contracted to play for the service, the Church office should be made aware of who is playing. Music must be reviewed with the clergy. Since a wedding is a worship service, some requests for secular music may be denied.

FEES	For the use of the Church	\$300.00
(see Note 1)	For the Sexton (Caretaker)	\$ 75.00 (up to 3 hours total)
	For the Organist	\$150.00

Additional fees:

For a Sound System Operator \$ 50.00

Note 1 The church fee (made payable to Little Trinity Anglican Church) and the amounts for the Sexton, Organist and sound operator (made payable to the individual) should be put in separate envelopes. Please deliver these fees to the church office one week before the ceremony.

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Important Information for You



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