

Getting Married in Yarralumla, Deakin, Forrest



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your decision to be married.

We hope that the time leading up to your wedding day will be an exciting and happy one. We know it will also be busy so we are ready and willing to help in any way to make your wedding day extra special.

St Luke's Deakin is a lovely place to be married. Our simple Church provides a wonderful backdrop for your wedding. We have lovely gardens, a courtyard where you can gather afterwards with family and friends, and plenty of room for most weddings.

Our Parish includes the beautiful suburbs of Deakin, Yarralumla and Forrest. There are of course many wonderful locations within these boundaries. If your preference is for a wedding at one of these places we would love to explore this with you.

This booklet is a quick overview of some of what our Parish can offer you on your special day. Of course we would be more than happy to talk with you about your hopes and dreams for your wedding day.

Fr Michael Armstrong
Priest-in-Charge
Anglican Parish of Deakin

The Process

The process of booking a wedding is simple:

1. Read this booklet through – if you have any questions, feel free to give us a call, or send us an email.
2. Ring Fr Michael Armstrong (0417 279051) and make a time to come and check out our Church, the site, or talk about your special place.
3. Book a day and time for your wedding through Fr Michael. If necessary, apply to the Bishop to conduct an outdoors wedding or if you have been divorced previously.
4. Meet with Fr Michael at least two months in advance to go through the legal requirements, conclude the paperwork and reflect upon your marriage.
5. At least one month in advance ensure that all legal requirements have been met, and put together final planning touches for the service.
6. A few days prior to your wedding you will need to undertake a rehearsal.

St Luke's Church, Deakin

St Luke's Anglican Church is nestled in the tree lined streets of Deakin. The property has extensive gardens and plenty of places for photos.

This year St Luke's celebrates its Jubilee. It has a long isle with a red carpet and simple furnishings. It has a beautiful timber organ which is over 140 years old and still sounds wonderful. The building is well lit with large windows that allow in natural light.

The building can accommodate up to 150 people comfortably (200 at a squeeze).

The courtyard is a lovely place for drinks and nibbles afterwards while the bridal party are having photos taken. In fact, it is such a lovely area that you may like to consider having your wedding service in the courtyard itself.



Your Special Place

Deakin, Yarralumla and Forrest offer many beautiful locations for marriage.

Weston Park, Redhill Lookout, Lennox Gardens and many other glorious locations.

The Anglican Church of Australia welcomes marriages outside of a Church building. Permission is required from the Bishop of our Diocese for this to take place. The Priest applies for the application on your behalf.

We look forward to discussing your ideas.

If outdoors, we advise that you should also have a suitable indoor location booked as a back up. We are happy to book our Church for that purpose.



Practicalities

Fees

St Luke's Church entails a fee of \$400.00 in total. This includes all the legal requirements, the priest, full use of the building, and standard flowers. An organist is available for a fee of \$100.00.

Services conducted by a priest outside of these buildings will also entail a fee of \$400.00 and includes all legal requirements and the priest.

A non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 is required to confirm your booking. Full payment must be made in prior to the wedding rehearsal. Cheques should be made payable to "The Anglican Parish of Deakin", however cash makes the distribution of the monies easier.

Flowers

The Parish provides two sets of silk flowers (lilies and other white flowers). You may be welcome to add fresh flowers and decorations, but please consult with the priest as there could be other weddings on the day.

Ushers

It will be helpful to your guests if you arrange to have two ushers available 20 minutes before the commencement of your wedding service.

Be on Time

Being on time is essential. Other events take place in the life of the Church and so to make sure you have all the time you need, we ask that you be on time. The bridegrooms party will need to arrive 25 minutes before your scheduled time, and the Bridal party will arrive 5 minutes before. Lateness may cause your wedding to be postponed to later in the day.

Music

A selection of pre-recorded music may be played, provided copyright laws are observed. We also welcome your arranging musicians to play and have accommodated a variety of instruments and styles in the past.

St Luke's also has the oldest organ in Canberra. It is a sweet instrument with a lovely sound. We will arrange an organist on your behalf (see fees above).

We suggest that you will require at least three pieces of music:

1. The entrance of the bridal party;
2. The signing of the register (at least 4 minutes long);
3. Something to leave by.

Each person will have their own taste and style. We are happy to consult with you and open to your needs.

Photographs

Your photographer is welcome. They should consult with the priest prior to the event to ensure that the best location for photographs is found, and also to ensure that your service is not disturbed by photographers moving around the Church.

Video

Professional or armature video is welcome, however video operators require a special "Single – Event video license" from AMCOS/ARIA before a wedding can be videotaped. A license application form is available from:

(http://www.apra-amcos.com.au/downloads/file/Music%20consumers/AMCOS-ARIA_0809SingleVideoApp.pdf). Please make your family and friends aware of these copyright laws; refusal to allow videoing on the day can cause confusion and embarrassment.

Something to throw?

Traditionally confetti, rose petals or rice has been thrown over brides and grooms to celebrate the event. Unfortunately these make a huge mess and have environmental consequences. We would suggest that bubbles would be a preferable alternative to these. You may like to provide some for your guests.

Service Sheets

We are happy to help you to prepare an order of service if you require one. An outline is available from the Priest.

Married Outside

It is always lovely to be married outside, but it is best to have a back up plan. We suggest booking an alternative indoor location as a precaution.

Marriage outdoors also has some logistical requirements in terms of being seen and being heard. We suggest that you arrange for a PA address system and some seating (especially for older relatives).

Getting married in parks and gardens in the ACT requires an application to be filed with Parks, Conservation and Lands. This should be done at least two months in advance. Some areas require a fee. Go to <http://www.tams.act.gov.au/> for more information.

Change of Address

Please let us know if you change your address or phone number after you have made a booking. If we cannot contact you we will assume you are no longer intending to marry and your booking will lapse.

Address for Invitations

St Luke's Anglican Church
18-42 Newdegate Street
Deakin ACT 2600

Readings

You may care to choose a suitable reading from the list below for use in your wedding service. Other readings or poems may also be appropriate and may be negotiated with the priest. We use the New Revised Standard Version of the bible.

Genesis:	Chapter 1, verse 26 to Chapter 2, verse 4a.
Psalms:	128; 37 (verses 3 to 7); 67; 23; 100; 121; 138.
Ecclesiastes	Chapter 4, verses 9 to 12
Ephesians:	Chapter 3, verses 14 to end.
1 John:	Chapter 3, verses 18 to 24.
1 John:	Chapter 4, verses 7 to 16.
1 Corinthians:	Chapter 12, verse 31 to Chapter 13, verse 13
St. Mathew:	Chapter 7, verses 21 to 29.
St. John:	Chapter 2, verses 1 to 11.
St. John:	Chapter 15, verses 9 to 17.

Go to <http://bible.oremus.org/> to see these verses. If you intend to print them out make sure they are the New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized).

Legal Speak

Marriage is celebrated within the framework of the Commonwealth Marriage Act, which is a Federal Law governing all marriages celebrated within Australia and its Territories. Failure to comply with all the provisions of the Marriage Act involves heavy penalties, invalidation of the marriage, and possible gaol terms.

At least one month prior to the date you will need to meet with the priest who is conducting your wedding and begin the legal requirements for marriage. The following areas are applicable, and you need to be aware of them:

Minimum Age

Under the law of the Commonwealth of Australia, the marriage of any person under 18 years of age without the order of a judge or magistrate is invalid. If you are under 18 years of age marriage is still attainable, however, will require greater notice so that permission may be sought.

Birth Certificates

An original Birth Certificate must be shown to the priest at least one month prior to the marriage. If you do not have your birth certificate one may be obtained by contacting the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. This does have a cost associated with it, and will require an extended period of time.

Evidence of Death

A Death Certificate must be produced before the Marriage of a person whose previous union terminated in the death of the partner.

Divorce

The Priest must be shown the Decree stating the date of the termination of the previous marriage. Information concerning the date of the first union and the number of children (together with dates of birth) must also be supplied to the Priest.

An application to the Bishop of the Diocese in regards to the marriage of divorced persons is also required if either party has been previously divorced.

Compulsion

It is an offence under the act for any person to be married under duress, compulsion, or in any other way against his/her own free will.

Sobriety

It is an offence under the Act for any marriage to be solemnised if one or both of the Parties to the union appear under the influence of, or affected by, alcohol or drugs.

Witnesses

You must have two witnesses to the Marriage, who sign the Registers. Both witnesses must be over the age of 18 years.

The Priest will register your Marriage.

Legal Documentation

A number of Legal Documents must be signed as part of the Marriage Contract.

1. Notification of Intended Marriage

This form must be signed and witnessed no later than one full month before the date of the Marriage. In all normal circumstances, this should be completed two months prior to the wedding.

2. Declarations

Statutory Declarations as to legal fitness of the couple to be married must be signed before the Marriage and be witnessed by the Priest of the marriage.

3. Marriage Certificates

Two Marriage Certificates are signed on the day of the Marriage. One Certificate is sent to the Registrar General, the other is handed to the parties of the Marriage.

All the official documentation is arranged by the Priest of the marriage for your convenience.



Your Wedding Service

As part of the Anglican Church of Australia our service follows the pattern of worship outlined in A Prayer Book for Australia. The following is an outline of that service.

Entrance

A suitable song is played to welcome the bridal party.

Statement of Intention

The priest outlines to all present the basis of marriage – love. We have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of N and NN, and to ask God’s blessing on them as we share their joy . . .

The Reading/s

A reading from the bible, and maybe some other appropriate poem or reading is read.

The Wedding

N, will you give yourself to NN, to be her husband, to live with her according to God’s word? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her so long as you both shall live? I will.

The partner responds in reciprocal.

Families and friends, you are witnesses to these vows. Will you do everything in your power to uphold N and NN in their marriage? We will.

I, N, in the presence of God, take you, NN, to be my wife: to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live. All this I vow and promise.

The partner responds in reciprocal.

The rings are blessed.

I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage. With all that I am and all that I have I honour you; in the name of God. Amen

I receive this ring as a symbol of your love and faithfulness to the end of our days. May God enable us to grow in love together.

The partner responds in reciprocal.

Hands are joined and wrapped with the priests stole.

Before God and in the presence of us all, N and NN have joined hands and made their solemn vows, promising life-long faithfulness to each other. In the name of God, I declare them to be husband and wife. What God has joined together, let no one separate.

A blessing is said upon the couple.

The couple are pronounced married and invited to kiss one another.

The Register is Signed. During which an appropriate song is played.

The Prayers

Prayers are said for the couple and for their future.

The Blessing

A final blessing is given and the congregation stand to welcome the new couple.

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We look forward to meeting with you
and helping to create a special day
which will be a blessing upon your continuing journey.

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