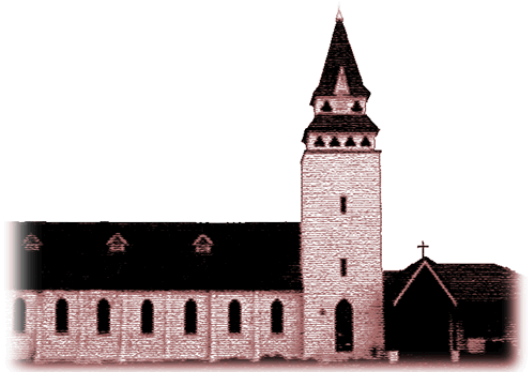


# ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, HAVELOCK NORTH

## Getting Married At St Luke's



*St Luke's Church is not just a pretty building in a beautiful setting. It is the centre of worship for a vital and lively congregation who rejoice with you in your decision to marry and stand ready to encourage you in your faith journey.*

*By choosing to get married at St Luke's you are agreeing to exchange your vows before God in a Christian ceremony in the Anglican tradition.*

*Every effort will be made by members of St Luke's to make you feel at home and to make your wedding day a joyous occasion.*

Careful planning is essential if you want your wedding day to be a day to remember without disappointment. We are here to help you with your planning, and have had a lot of experience with what helps to make a happy and memorable experience.

The date and time of your wedding is confirmed at your first meeting with the officiating priest, and is entered in diaries and in the church's booking calendar. Sometimes there are several weddings on the same day. We always allow at least two hours between services, and will put you in touch with the other couple so you may share flowers etc.

### **Marriage Licence**

The marriage licence is obtained from the Registrar of Marriages. Application forms are available at the Registrar's office - usually the courthouse. The licence is valid for three months and we recommend that you make your application at least a month before the wedding, as it will have to be reissued if there are any mistakes on the form. The officiating priest will need to receive your license prior to the wedding rehearsal.

### **Services**

The Church offers a choice of services, and the officiating priest will work through these with you to produce something special and unique to you. If there are prayers, readings, etc you would like to include in your service, please discuss these with the priest.

### **Music**

The church organists are pleased to play for your wedding. You will need to think about music for the entry of the bride, during the signing of the Register and for the processional at the end of the service. St Luke's has an excellent pipe organ, and upright piano and facilities to play CD's or music direct from a digital source. Please note that the officiating priest must approve all music prior to the service.

You may also wish to have some hymns. The priest and organist can help you with your choice, so please ask if you would like their assistance. *To arrange an organist please contact Elizabeth Curtis, 8776648 email [ec@vil.co.nz](mailto:ec@vil.co.nz)*

### **Flowers & Decorations**

You may choose to simply have the church flowers for your wedding (done weekly) in which case there is no charge, but please note that during Lent (usually February-late March) there are only

simple displays of greenery in the church. Alternatively you may arrange your own flowers, in which case you will need to ensure arrangements are made regarding access to the church. Please contact the Parish Office, 877 7366, to make all arrangements.

If you are having decorations on the ends of the church pews please attach them to the rings provided, or loop them over the end of the pews. **Please do not use drawing pins or tape!**

### **Confetti, Bubbles, Etc**

Due to the mess involved and the need to have the church ready for services on Sundays (and other times) we do not allow the throwing of confetti, rice or flower petals inside the buildings. Bubble blowers are also not permitted due to risks associated with soap and floor tiles. All of the above are permitted outside the buildings.

### **Other Facilities**

St Luke's has a large lounge and kitchen and, of course, wonderful grounds. Please do not hesitate to discuss with us any plans for refreshments before or after your ceremony.

### **Verger**

A Verger is responsible for the care of our buildings and setting up and putting away resources for services and other events. In most cases a Verger will be on hand to look after the operation of the sound system and take care of any practical issues on the day.

### **Marriage Preparation**

Marriage is much more than a wedding. Preparing for marriage is an important step on your journey together. This is an opportunity to talk about your hopes, dreams and expectations with an experienced person guiding the process.

The officiating priest will discuss marriage preparation options with you. It is possible to do this elsewhere if you are not based in Hawke's Bay. You will usually be expected to attend up to three or four meetings with the officiating priest, incorporating both the marriage preparation and organising the service.

### **Costs**

While there are costs associated with having your wedding at St Luke's, the minimum donations listed here do not cover the whole amount. We do not charge for the sacrament of marriage, but we do ask couples to pay something towards the true costs of using the church and its facilities.

You may be asked to pay a deposit to confirm your wedding date. Some months are very popular for weddings and the inconvenience of a late cancellation (or simply not showing up) causes great expense to the church. Any deposit paid is deducted from the total donation towards the church.

These amounts are minimum donations:

- Marriage Prep.           \$ 50
- Organist                 \$100 (*if required*)
- Verger                    \$ 40 (*or \$60 if the lounge is used*)
- Lounge & kitchen       \$100 (*if required*)
- Church                   \$250
- Officiating Priest       \$250

These donations should be placed in separate **envelopes labelled accordingly and given to the officiating priest at the rehearsal.**

**Further Enquiries: Contact the Vicar, ph: 06 877 7366 or 06 877 8775.**

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