

Weddings at St James Anglican Church, Kerikeri

Thank you for your enquiry about getting married at St James Church in Kerikeri. We offer Christian wedding services in the Anglican tradition and if this is what you are looking for we would be very pleased to talk to you about your special day and to help you in the planning process.



The following guidelines apply:

- The marriage applicants must be of Christian belief.
- The bride and groom are expected to complete a course in Marriage Preparation. This can be with your priest at St James or another recognized marriage course.
- St James has several priests available to celebrate your marriage.
- If an Anglican minister from another church is preferred to conduct the ceremony it is important that they make contact with a priest from St James prior to the ceremony to discuss arrangements. A host from St James will be present at the ceremony to help you with housekeeping and technical matters.
- To conform to fire safety regulations, the maximum of people permitted in the Church is 99.

For more info contact the Administrator: Ph 09 407 1486 or email stjameskk@xtra.co.nz

THE MARRIAGE SERVICE

St James is a place where the Anglican tradition is followed. There are a range of marriage services to choose from, which your priest will help you develop into an order of service that suits you. We encourage your input into the content of the service.

MUSIC.

The church has an organ and an electric keyboard. CD facilities are also available.

An organist is available if required.

Recorded music or live music may be used as appropriate to a church setting.

PHOTOGRAPHS

A limit of 2 photographers during the service is quite acceptable provided the dignity of the occasion is observed. Arrangements should be discussed with the priest in advance.

FLOWERS

Flowers are your responsibility, but please let us know if you wish to leave or remove them after the wedding.

Decorations may be tied, but **not** pinned or cellotaped to the pew ends. (We have pew bows available if required)

As other services may follow they need to be removed after the ceremony.

CONFETTI

Please advise your guests – **no confetti** should be thrown, but bubbles, rice or rose petals are acceptable outside the church.

USHERS:

Please ask your ushers to help in the following ways:

- Arrive 30 minutes before the service and introduce themselves to the priest.
- Welcome family and friends
- Direct parking of cars.
- Hand guests any printed material relating to the service.
- Guide guests to seats, preferably near the front, leaving the first couple of rows free for immediate family.
- After the service ends collect any printed material left in the pews.

REHEARSAL

The priest will arrange a rehearsal with you, usually the day before your wedding, at a time to suit both parties. It is appropriate that all members of the wedding party be present.

On the wedding day, the Groom and his party should arrive 20 minutes before the service begins.

FEES

When we have received the Wedding Booking Form and payment of the appropriate fees the booking is confirmed. This should be received at least 2 months before the wedding date.

A cheque should be made payable to St James Church. If you would prefer to pay by Direct Credit the bank account number is 06-0350-0007843-00. Please put your name on the payment so we are able to identify it.

A receipt will be given if requested.

If your plans change and you no longer require the booking, a full refund will be given only if notification is received 2 months before the wedding date.

If you have difficulty paying the fee – please discuss this with the Administrator or Priest.

MARRIAGE LICENCE

This is obtainable from the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. It takes 3 working days to be processed and is valid for 3 months. Please make sure that the priest has it one week prior to the wedding.

Reception option

St James also has a lovely hall, which can be booked for the reception. Please contact the administrator for more information.