

Heritage New Zealand

Stone Store Basin Photography

- A flat fee of **\$300** applies to wedding photography, contributing to the care and preservation of this historic site.
- Photography is permitted outside the Stone Store (*including the Kemp House verandah) and across the surrounding gardens. In wet weather, the upstairs of the Stone Store may be used during opening hours (shoes must be removed). Please note, Kemp House is too fragile for indoor group photography.
- To protect the grounds, we ask that trees are not climbed on or swung from, and the garden beds are kept off, as this is the oldest European garden in Aotearoa, New Zealand.
- Bookings are for a maximum of **1.5 hours**. Once confirmed and paid, we will ensure no guided tours are scheduled during your session.
- The Honey House Cafe is also available for **rehearsal drinks and canapes** in the early evening prior to your wedding day.
- **For bookings**, please contact **09 407 9236** or **vsckkms@heritage.org.nz**.
- Kerikeri Mission Station – home to the Stone Store, Kemp House, and the Honey House Cafe – is cared for by **Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga**.

** Kemp House will be closed during scheduled re-roofing works (from June 2026) due to Health and Safety requirements.*

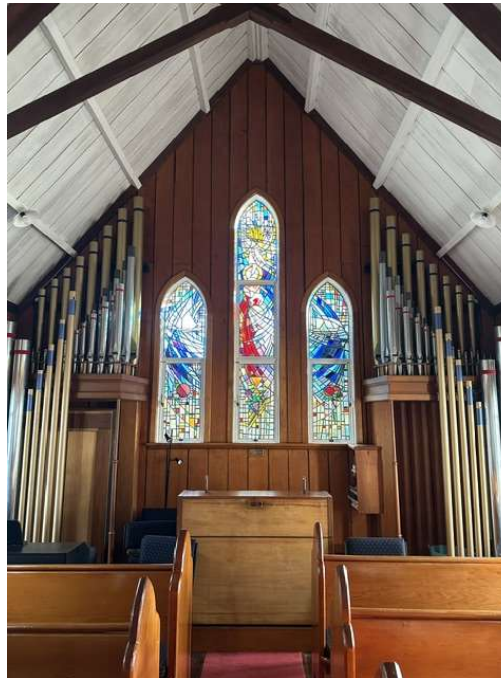


Kerikeri is well serviced by caterers, accommodation providers, reception venues, florists, hair and make-up artists and photographers. Most can be found via Google or at Visit BOI: visitboi.co.nz.



Please visit our website: <https://stjameskk.org.nz/services>.
For bookings or further information please contact the
Administrator at: stjameskk@xtra.co.nz,
or ph: **09 407 1486**.

The Parish office is open Tuesdays and Fridays.



*St James
Anglican
Church
Kerikeri*



*Weddings Anniversaries
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St James Church is a beautiful, historic Anglican church set in the Kerikeri Basin, just above the historic Stone Store and Kemp House.

The current church was opened in 1878 and combines the beauty and warmth of a historic church with modern features and service, to give you the perfect setting for your special day, in the presence of God.

If you are wanting a Christian wedding in the Anglican tradition, St James, in the Bay of Islands, is a beautiful place for it.

Kemp Hall – located on the church grounds is also available for hire for receptions and/or gatherings.





Weddings at St James

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.

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 recognised marriage course.
- St James has several priests available to celebrate your marriage.
- Ministers from other Christian denominations are also welcome to be a part of the marriage service, at the discretion of the Vicar. Marriage celebrants may not conduct a wedding in an Anglican church.
- Relationship blessing services are available.
- 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 number of people permitted in the Church is 99.

The Marriage Service

While we are only able to offer Christian marriage in the Anglican tradition, we are aware that you may have family and friends who come from other faith traditions, and we seek to be respectful and inclusive as we put your marriage service together.

There are three services which you can choose from and which may be personalised to suit your occasion. We encourage your input into the content of the service. Holy Communion may be included, if you wish.

Confetti

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

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 cello-taped to the pew ends. As other services may follow, decorations need to be removed after the ceremony.



Marriage Licence

Marriage licences take around three days to be issued. However, it's advisable to apply for your marriage licence two months in advance of the wedding date. Please note that licences are valid for three months only and then they expire. When you receive the licence, please forward it on to your priest.

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.

Music & Power point facility

The church has an organ, an electric keyboard, CD & Power Point facilities. An organist is also available if required. Recorded music or live music may be used, as appropriate to a church setting.

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.

Reception / Gathering option

Kemp Hall – located on the church grounds is also available for hire for receptions and/or gatherings, and has a capacity of 99 people or approx 65 seated.



The hall has a kitchen for catering. Please contact the administrator for more information.

Fees - \$500 for the church - \$400 for the Priest

\$150 for the organist (if required)

When we have received the Wedding Booking Form and payment of the appropriate fees, the booking is confirmed. This should be received at least two months before the wedding date. Please deposit the fee by Direct Credit to the bank account below, and 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 one month before the wedding date.

Bank Acc: 06-0350-0007843-00

Payee name: KERIKERI LSMU

Photography

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. *For photography at the Stone Store Basin, please see the separate note overleaf.*

