

Costs: a non-refundable deposit of \$50 is payable at the time of booking. For other costs, please contact the church office on 9598 1264 or allsoulsoffice@bigpond.com

Notes:

Receipts will be issued. Payment in full will need to be made at or before the wedding rehearsal. Payment except for organist's fees, should be either in cash, direct debit or a cheque made out to - **All Souls' Anglican Church, Sandringham.**



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WEDDINGS

ALL SOULS'
Sandringham

Growing
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Christ and
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Wedding Information

Welcome to All Souls' for your wedding!

We look forward to helping you to prepare for this very special occasion. The following are some notes to help in your preparation. Please bring this leaflet to your meeting with the Vicar, Philip.

Birth Certificates: These are needed for both bride and groom (for legal, not church, requirements).

Baptism: To have a church wedding, it is required that at least one of the couple is baptised and can show evidence of this by baptism certificate or equivalent. It is never too late to prepare for Baptism, if desired. (This would take at least two months.)

Divorce: If either or both bride and groom have been divorced, it is necessary for you to share your background and discuss your situation with one of the clergy and then, if we are satisfied this is within diocesan guidelines, we must write to our regional bishop for permission to officiate. This can sometimes take several weeks.

Celebrant: It is the policy of the Anglican Church normally to have the service in our church taken by the local Anglican clergy. Occasionally others may assist them in taking the service – to be discussed with our clergy.

Costs: for details of wedding fees see back page of this brochure.

Marriage Preparation Classes: You will be expected to attend three sessions with one of the clergy plus a rehearsal and signing of documents, usually the night before your wedding.

Church Attendance: We encourage you to attend worship here with us. In this way we get to know each other better and we can share in prayer as you prepare for your life together.

Contact Details: We would like to keep in contact, and so would like a record of your address and phone numbers both before and after your wedding.

Wedding Service Details: Most couples prepare an outline of the service or the whole service in a personalized booklet. We can forward a copy of the service to you on Email or on disk for you to prepare your own service, in consultation with us. Alternatively, this can be done (minus cover) at extra cost by the church.

Choices that you can make, in consultation with the clergy are:

- ◆ Whether you would like one or two wedding rings – for husband as well as for wife;
- ◆ A reading or readings from the Bible and friends to read them. You may also like another suitable reading as well as a Bible reading;
- ◆ Hymns or songs for the service; (note there are Government copyright regulations re the use of modern music)
- ◆ Musicians or singers (or the organist) while signing the register;
- ◆ Two witnesses who must be over the age of 18. (These are usually two of your

attendants – full names are needed for legal purposes)

◆ The colour of the bridesmaids' dresses or the desired colour for the church flowers.

Photography: You are welcome to have an official photographer in the church, or a portable video cameras as long as there are no bright fixed lights and the photographer does not dominate. We ask them to restrict the use of flash photography during the service, except for the signing of the register where they will be given the opportunity at the end of the signing to organize photos. You are welcome to have photos taken in front of the church after the service, and to use the Garden of Resurrection (behind the church) for family photos, if desired

Confetti: Please ask your friends to refrain from using confetti near the church doors. You may prefer to use the more environmentally friendly rose petals or bubbles.

I look forward to getting to know you and pray that God will be with you both as you prepare for your married life together.

The Rev'd Philip Higgins

Vicar