

Preparing for a wedding at St Bede's

First Contact – please call the office on 9181 1653 or email James Macbeth jrmacbeth@bigpond.com to ensure that the date you have in mind is available

Preparation – *Life Together*

In order to prepare you for married life we have written a course which explores the challenges and blessings of marriage from God's perspective. The *Life Together* course is held over three evenings in the period leading up to the wedding. The sessions are informal and we trust you will find them helpful and enjoyable. When you call the minister he will organize the date of your first meeting and a time to suit you.

If you do not live in the local area, then we will seek out an Anglican church near to your home to undertake wedding preparation with you.

Personal Information

The government requires certain information be provided before you can be married. At your first meeting with the minister you will need to provide him with your birth certificate (if an Australian Citizen) or a current passport or overseas birth certificate if a non-citizen.

Have you been married before? If so, you must inform the minister so that he can apply to the Regional Bishop for his permission for re-marriage in an Anglican Church

The church building

St Bede's is a beautiful venue for a wedding ceremony. It seats around 200. There are photos on our website, including one of our famous rose window.

We do not generally open the building for private viewings. If you wish to see St Bede's in action, then we encourage you to come to one of our Sunday services (10am & 6.30pm). You will find these meetings informal and friendly.

We understand that much preparation goes into making your wedding a special day and you will need access to the building before the ceremony. This can be organized through the minister. We ask that it be

restricted to the night or morning before a ceremony as others may be using the building as well.

You are welcome to take advantage of the church grounds for photos, but please be aware that the church halls and grounds are not available for receptions or morning/afternoon teas due to the high cost of liability cover.

Flowers

You are free to organize your own flowers for the day and we can make the church available for delivery on the night before or the morning of the ceremony.

Note that we also have a beautiful permanent flower display. Some couples have saved money by using these or simply adding to them.

Music & Sound

Part of the cost includes a sound person to set up microphones and play any CDs you want on the day. We do not provide organists or singers, but if you have musicians who wish to play we can easily accommodate them.

Cost

As of 1st January 2012, the charge for a wedding at St Bede's is \$800.00. This covers the *Life Together* course, the preparation and use of the building and the provision of a sound person on the day. It is customary that this be paid on the night of the wedding practice (usually in the week before the ceremony). If paying by cheque, please make it out to **St Bede's Anglican Church**.

Confirmation

We ask that you confirm your ceremony with the minister within a month of inquiry. After this date the booking will lapse. There is no deposit necessary. You can call 9181 1653 or email the minister at jrmacbeth@bigpond.com to confirm.