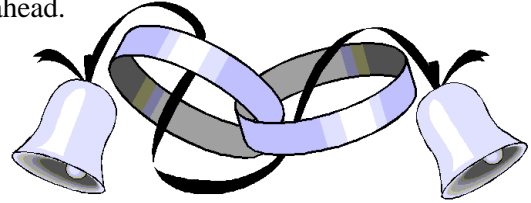


## **GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, SCARBOROUGH**

Christian marriage is intended by God to be the union of man and woman in a mutually fulfilling relationship. It is one of the most important steps you will ever take in your life. We, at St. Andrew's, want you to have a beautiful, meaningful wedding service, which will provide you with inspiring and helpful memories through all the years ahead. These guidelines are designed to ensure that your marriage will be a time of great celebration and joy.



### **YOU AND YOUR FAITH**

You have requested the sacrament of Christian Marriage. It is expected that:

- You both are, or will be, baptized as a sign of belonging to the Christian community (in a case of a religiously mixed marriage, please speak to the incumbent)
- You attend services of worship here at St. Andrew's or at another church.
- You will attend a Marriage Preparation Course together.
- You will give the clergy at least three months notice of the date of marriage.
- You can expect to have two consultations with the priest.

While the church is still considered the appropriate place for the solemnization of marriage, a marriage may take place elsewhere, after consultation with the Area Bishop by the priest. The priest is to be satisfied that the solemnity and public nature of the occasion will be preserved and that the service will be conducted with dignity and respect. The words of the service will be those from the approved *Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada*.

If either of you has a former spouse still living, arrangements will be made for you to have an additional consultation with the priest.

### **WEDDING DETAILS**

#### **MUSIC**

Appropriate music may be chosen in consultation with our organist. A soloist or choir is a wonderful enhancement to the ceremony. Our organist is expected to play for all weddings, or to obtain a competent replacement. If you personally supply a musician, he/she must be approved as a competent performer, and you are expected to provide the usual fee for our organist; this is a part of his contract with the parish. You are responsible for making all musical arrangements with the organist directly; his phone number follows at the end of these guidelines.

#### **LICENSE**

You are required obtain this yourselves, several weeks ahead at any municipal office. Please bring it to the second consultation with the priest. Licenses are valid for three months.

## **BANNS**

Banns, instead of a Marriage License, can only be used in cases where both parties are regular members of a church, and only when neither party has previously been married. They must be read and attested to, by the clergy of both congregations where bride and groom are members.

## **FLOWERS AND DECOR:**

Altar Guild members prepare the Sanctuary for a wedding ceremony by:

- ordering and arranging flowers and candles as required
- placing white kneelers and white silk cords on pews
- setting up the white Altar Frontal
- preparing for Holy Communion, if required
- arranging Candelabra, flowers, flower baskets, etc., if requested

Please telephone the Altar Guild Directress, Mrs. Kathy Smith, to discuss plans which involve the services of the Altar Guild. **PLEASE GIVE HER A MINIMUM OF FOUR WEEKS' NOTICE.**



## **Some Guidelines**

- only fresh flowers may be placed on the Altar or within the Sanctuary
- artificial flower arrangements may be placed outside the Communion Rail
- every effort will be made to respond to your personal wishes within the general guidelines at St. Andrew's.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Still pictures and/or videos may be taken only from the gallery or the back of the church. Flash photography and close-ups during the service are permitted at St. Andrew's only at the procession, the signing of the register and the exit from the church. Photographs of the wedding party may be taken in the chancel at the conclusion of the service by the photographer and by family and friends. A videographer is welcome providing he/she remains in a stationary position, approved by the officiant.

## **CONFETTI:**

The church requests that there be **no** confetti used in the building or on the front steps.

## **REHEARSALS:**

Rehearsals are necessary and important. Please make sure that all members of the wedding party, readers, etc. attend and are on time.

## **RECEPTIONS:**

The clergy attend wedding receptions by prior invitation only.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES:

There are a number of costs and services connected with your wedding. Please place all monies in separate envelopes for each individual or group, and deliver to the church at least two weeks before the wedding. Please use cash for the individuals. Cheques (payable to the Church of St Andrew) or cash are appropriate for the church.

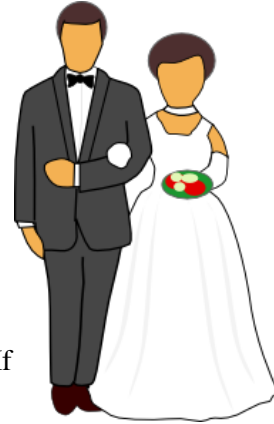
**CHURCH:** If you are regular financial envelope or pre-authorized donation subscribers of the church, no contribution is expected. Otherwise, a contribution of at least \$250.00 is customary.

**CLERGY:** An Honorarium of \$200.00 is appropriate.

**ORGANIST:** \$200.00 fee for the wedding. Please consult him for extra costs for soloist, choir or attendance at the rehearsal.

**VERGER:** attends the rehearsal and wedding, acts as a liaison for your guests with the church before, during and after the ceremony, and assists with clean-up of the church. A \$100.00 fee for your wedding.

**LATE FEE:** Several people give of their time to make your day a memorable one and should not be expected to wait unduly long. You are requested to post-date a cheque to the Church of St. Andrew for \$50.00. If your wedding is less than 15 minutes late in starting, the cheque will be returned.



**SECRETARY:** \$25.00 fee for printing a wedding service bulletin if requested.

**PARKING ATTENDANTS:** At the discretion of the church, we may choose to employ parking attendants in the case of very large weddings. Each attendant will receive a \$25 honorarium.

**ALTAR GUILD:** \$25.00 contribution for services before and after the wedding.

Plus: Flowers: \$65.00 for 1 large vase; \$100.00 for 1 large and 2 small vases;

\$80.00 for 2 large vases; \$65.00 for 2 small vases

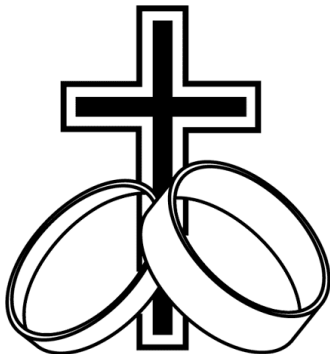
Candelabra: \$50.00 per pair of large, floor size; \$25.00 per pair of small, altar size

Pew Standards: \$25.00

Pew Cords are available.

Altar flowers in vases are left in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship in thanksgiving for your marriage or in memory of loved ones.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS



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