

Almighty God...

may their lives together
be a sacrament of your love
to this broken world,
so that unity may
overcome estrangement,
forgiveness heal guilt, and
joy overcome despair.

If you wish to be married at Christ Church Deer Park

Please read the following information
and then arrange an appointment to
meet with a member of the clergy.
At the time of the appointment, bring
with you the completed "Wedding
Information" form and the
"Declaration".

Please meet with the clergy at least 3
months prior to your planned wedding
date. If either partner has been
divorced, a copy of legal
documentation is required.

Christ Church Deer Park

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municipal parking lot off Heath

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Frequently Asked Questions

Church requirements for marriage

Marriages solemnized within the Anglican Church of Canada are governed by Canon Law, specifically Canon 21. This means that:

- the wedding may take place in the church, chapel or other locations as requested by the couple
- one member of the couple be baptized in the Christian Church;
- one member of the couple be a worshipper at Christ Church Deer Park, be related to a worshipping family, or be a resident nearby.

Residence outside the Diocese of Toronto

If a couple resides within a diocese other than the Diocese of Toronto, it is courteous to inform your parish priest of your plans to marry out of diocese.

Where one member of the couple is Roman Catholic

Where one member of the couple is a practising Roman Catholic, they are required by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese to obtain a letter of consent from their parish clergy in order to be married in the Anglican Church.

Marriage licence

In the Province of Ontario, people are married on the authority of a licence.

A licence may be purchased at any municipal office between 3 days and 3 months prior to the wedding date. Please deliver the licence in person to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the wedding.

Scheduling of Weddings

Wedding services may be scheduled from Monday to Saturday. We recommend that you check the availability of the church and the Clergy prior to making firm bookings for the wedding reception. Weddings are not held during Holy Week (the week preceding Easter) or during the Easter weekend.

Officiating clergy

One of the parish clergy normally officiates at weddings that take place in the church. Other clergy may assist at the invitation of the parish clergy.

Wedding vows

No alterations may be made in the declarations made in the wedding vows as found in the authorized wedding liturgies of the Anglican Church of Canada, however it is permissible to add a personal statement of commitment written by the couple.

Wedding music

Once you have booked your wedding date with a member of the Clergy, please contact the Organist through the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to discuss the music for the service. The music must be appropriate for Christian worship, and in keeping with the musical tradition of the parish. Vocalists and instrumentalists must be approved by the Organist.

The Organist may be able to provide helpful suggestions regarding personnel, and he will arrange rehearsal time with additional musicians who need to be accompanied at the piano or organ.

Christ Church has an excellent parish choir who may be engaged for the wedding ceremony.

Wedding flowers

The Clergy can advise you on suitable locations for floral arrangements. Decorative bows or other decorations may be attached to the pews with ribbon or elastic only.

Photography during the wedding

Photography is permitted during the processions and the signing of the register, and not during the wedding ceremony. Posed shots during the ceremony are not permitted. For pictures during the processions, the photographer is invited to stand behind the last row of guests. Please inform your photographer of these policies.

Please speak to the Clergy before the wedding if you wish to use a videographer.

Wedding Brochures

Some couples choose to print a special wedding brochure to hand to guests as they enter the church for the wedding ceremony. If you choose to print a brochure, please ensure that the Officiant of your wedding proof-reads it prior to final printing.

Wedding rehearsal

Please arrange the date of the wedding rehearsal with the Clergy. All wedding attendants should attend and those taking part in the service are also invited to attend.

Wedding arrangements

All decisions concerning the wedding service are made between the Clergy and the couple. Others may provide helpful suggestions, but final decisions will rest with the clergy and the couple. As a matter of courtesy, please be prompt for all appointments, the rehearsal and the wedding itself.

Schedule of Fees

Use of the Church (*tax receipt issued*).....\$800.00
(\$400.00 of which must be paid when the wedding date is booked – this is a non-refundable deposit should the wedding be cancelled 30 days prior to the booking date)

Organist.....\$225.00

Server (*with Holy Eucharist*).....\$75.00

Verger.....\$100.00

Wedding Coordinator \$100.00

- An honorarium to the clergy of \$300–500 is appropriate.
- All fees should be placed in separate envelopes, clearly marked, and delivered with the marriage licence two weeks prior to the wedding date.

Declaration of Intent to enter into marriage

Christ Church Deer Park

We declare that we intend to enter into marriage which we acknowledge to be a union in faithful love, to the exclusion of all others on either side, for better or for worse, until we are separated by death.

We undertake to prepare ourselves for the exchange of vows at our wedding, recognizing that by this mutual exchange of vows our marriage will be established.

We intend thereafter to fulfil the purposes of marriage: mutual friendship, support, and comfort of one another; the procreation of children (if it may be); and the creation of a relationship in which sexuality may serve personal fulfilment in a community of faithful love.

– *Canon 21, Schedule A:
On Marriage in the Church
Anglican Church of Canada*

Furthermore, by our signatures below, we acknowledge that we have read and discussed the conditions attached to marriage in the Anglican Church of Canada within the Province of Ontario, and at Christ Church Deer Park, Toronto, and agree to comply with these.

Wedding Information

CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

BRIDE

GROOM
