



your
MARRIAGE



ST THOMAS'

HOWRAH



MARRIAGE INFORMATION

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. We are delighted to be part of this journey with you.

Many things will be on your mind as you prepare for your marriage. The most important is your relationship with one another. At St Thomas' we believe this is our primary purpose in assisting you.

PREMARRIAGE PREPARATION

5 sessions are held covering 5 topics. The course is designed to help any couple develop stronger foundations for a lasting marriage. Sessions cover:

- expressing feelings and learning to listen
- the importance of commitment
- Resolving conflict
- Keeping love alive and developing a fulfilling sexual relationship
- Talking about goals and values.

Each session is covered by watching a segment of a DVD. This is followed by the couple having some discussions with one another about the topic raised in the session. The minister will be available to assist but the conversations happen privately between the couple.

WHO CAN CONDUCT A SERVICE?

Any authorised Anglican minister on our team can conduct the service. Other Anglican ministers can also celebrate a marriage with the permission of the Senior Minister. It is not possible for ministers of other Christian denominations to be the celebrant but they are welcome to participate in the service by for instance preaching or praying, again with the permission of the Senior Minister.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The discreet and unobtrusive presence of a photographer is possible. A photo opportunity can be arranged which protects the significance of the service.



ST THOMAS' IS A LIVING COMMUNITY

St Thomas' ministry extends to a whole variety of community activities, worship services, festivals and so on. This may mean that the interior of the building will on occasion have displays which are relevant to these activities and which will remain in place for the wedding. E.g. Christmas or Easter displays.

MARRIAGE SERVICE

The Anglican Church in Tasmania is authorised by the government to marry people using the services authorised by The Anglican Church of Australia. This means that the core elements of the service must be maintained. Personal additions can be made to the service such as with suitable music and readings. You can discuss how to personalize your service with the minister.

REHEARSAL

A rehearsal is held in the week leading up to the service. It's important for all the bridal party to be present. A date should be arranged a month in advance of the wedding.

GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Notice of Intended Marriage needs to be fully completed and signed no less than one month prior to the marriage and no longer than 18 months. This notice is lodged with the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages of Tasmania. In order to complete this, when you meet with the minister you will need to bring your birth certificate (original) and any other documentation such as annulments if a person has been divorced. Full names and birth dates of children will also be required.

COSTS

There are several parts to the total costs. The final amount depends on which facilities are used by the couple.



CORE

- Preparation Booklet \$ 10.00
- Minister's Fees \$300.00
- Church Venue Cost \$22.00 per hour
- Usual Flowers \$ 20.00
- Government Admin. \$ 20.00

Including Personal Marriage Certificate /
postage/filing documents in Government Registry.

OPTIONAL

- Extra Flowers \$ 150.00 or by arrangement
- Musicians \$ 75.00 per hour per person
- Hall/Kitchen Venue \$22.00 per hour Set up time will be included.
Hire Agreement Form to be completed for use of
the hall/kitchen.

You will be invoiced a month before the service. Fees must be paid two weeks prior to the service. Fees can be paid by cash, cheque or Internet Deposit at Commonwealth Bank, Shoreline, Howrah BSB: 067115 Account Number 10016847 Account Name: St Thomas Church Howrah. Include your name and wedding date in reference and email the office once it is paid so a receipt can be issued.

Our hope and goal is that you have a fulfilling and lasting marriage together. We look forward to sharing the journey with you.

God's Peace and Blessing be on you.

Helen

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