

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, TE AWAMUTU
NOTICE OF MARRIAGE**

Bridegroom:

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Have you been baptised?.... Yes/No Confirmed?.... Yes/No

Have you been previously married? Yes/No

Is your previous partner still alive? Yes/No

Bride:

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Have you been baptised?.... Yes/No Confirmed?.... Yes/No

Have you been previously married?..... Yes/No

Is your previous partner still alive? Yes/No

Both:

Are you related to one another in any way?.... Yes/No

or connected by marriage? Yes/No

Date of wedding: **Time of wedding:**

(Make preliminary booking through Parish Office)

Place of wedding:

(Old St John's; New St John's; St Paul's, Hairini; St Saviour's, Pirongia)

Minister to take the Service:

(Please confirm with Vicar)

Organist: Required.... Yes/No

DECLARATION:

We understand that Marriage involves the Union for life of one man and one woman living faithfully together.

We ask God's Blessing on our Marriage so that our Union may be hallowed and enriched.

We wish to be married in Church in the presence of God and our families and friends.

Signed:

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Date:

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

THE 'C' FACTOR IN MARRIAGE ?

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

'The deepest meaning of marriage comes from the conviction that marriage is not just a matter of what two people want to do, or of what society believes would be good for them and society. It comes from the belief that human life is the pinnacle of God's creation, and that it has always been the intention of God that God's human creatures should live together in a society based on the institution of marriage, seen as the exclusive relationship of one man and one woman who will live together in love for life'.

Christian marriage is set against the background of God's creative work. At the end of the story of creation in the Book of Genesis we read: 'Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and cleaves to his wife, and they became one flesh' (Genesis 2: 24). Jesus also quoted this verse when he was teaching about marriage. He then said: ' Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate'. (Mark 10: 9)

Marriage is for life and it belongs to the "order of creation", in which human faithfulness and service mirrors the faithfulness and service of God, in whose image we are made.

'Let us make man(kind) in our own image, and likeness...' (Genesis 1: 26a)

'The man/woman has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil...
(Genesis 3: 22)

So as the Prayer Book says on page 779:

A wedding is one of life's great moments. a time for good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion, and gave there a sign of new beginnings.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship – God's blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and bad. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, made and celebrated in the presence of God and before a priest and congregation.....

God will be the unique guest at your wedding.

You will be making your vows before God, and the community.

During the Service we will pray for God's Blessings to be upon you, not only for the wedding ceremony, but also for the years ahead.

As you begin your married life together, God would want to be alongside you both, every step of the way. And you can also, through prayer, ask for God's special help and blessing at particular times in your life together.

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