

CHURCH BOOKING

The attached **Notice of Marriage form** should be returned to the Parish of St. John (PO Box 38, Te Awamutu) as soon as possible, in order to confirm your booking of the church, and the officiating Minister. Please note: During December our churches may be decorated for Christmas. Any queries – please contact the Parish Secretary at 07 871 5568.

MARRIAGE LICENCE

This is to be obtained from the Registrar of Marriages at the Courthouse (5 Roche St, Te Awamutu or Hamilton High Court).

The Marriage Licence must be forwarded to the Parish Office at least a week before the wedding.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We will arrange times for marriage preparation to discuss the service and other matters related to your wedding. A short rehearsal will also be planned.

ORDER OF SERVICE

There are three alternatives available and we will discuss these together so that you will be able to choose the one that is most appropriate for you.

MUSIC

Arrangements about music for the Service are made with the Organist, who will be able to help you choose music that is suitable for the Christian setting of the Church.

FLOWERS

You may arrange flowers (and provide containers) in the Church, as you wish and also decorations for the pews, providing no drawing pins or sellotape are used. Please remove your flower arrangements and pew decorations, and replace the church flowers, at conclusion of service.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs may be taken during the service, but care must be taken to ensure that they do not distract you, or others, during the Wedding Service. A video camera may also be used.

Official photographers (video and still) should discuss specific arrangements beforehand with the priest.

We ask that CONFETTI is **not** used in the Church or grounds.

SUGGESTED DONATION

<u>Church:</u>		<u>Seats:</u>
New St John's	\$400.00	350
St Saviour's, Pirongia	\$250.00	80
Old St John's	\$400.00	90-100
St Paul's, Hairini	\$400.00	70-80

[This amount is used for maintenance of the Church buildings]

Organist: \$100.00
(Please put in a separate envelope clearly marked: 'For the Organist')

The Donation and Marriage Licence papers (or copy) should be left at the Parish Office a week prior to the wedding. Thank you.

PARISH OF ST JOHN - Te Awamutu

CHURCH ATTENDANCE



You are asked to attend Sunday
Worship if possible as part of your
preparation for your wedding.
This is important and helpful.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE AT ST JOHN'S

LOVE

Love is patient and kind, it is not jealous or conceited or proud, love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable, love does not keep a record of wrongs, love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up, and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal.

[1 Corinthians 13: 4-8]



We wish you a happy wedding day.
May God give you a strong and fulfilling married life together.

We welcome you as you make this enquiry about a wedding at St John's.

We are happy to conduct a Marriage Service for people who have a belief in God, wish to make Christian marriage vows and promises, and receive the blessing of God.

You will be asked to sign the following declaration about this:

We, having been told of the nature of marriage, that it involves the union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, are now desiring the blessing of God that our union may be hallowed and enriched, and wish to be married in church.

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