



The Bridge Church

Weddings at The Bridge Church

Questions relating to marriage requirements

What do we need to believe?

At The Bridge Church we conduct Christian wedding services, so we ask that you share our belief that God is uniting you in marriage, and that this union is for life.

Do we have to be baptised or Anglican?

There are no requirements to be either baptised or Anglican to marry at The Bridge Church.

Do we need to do marriage counselling?

We request that all couples marrying at The Bridge Church attend the marriage preparation course. This course is run twice a year and is included in the wedding fee. Couples who have completed the course have found it very beneficial. The course is practical, and covers a range of topics including communication, conflict resolution, and understanding expectations. It is a great foundation as you prepare for married life.

Do you marry divorced persons?

We do marry divorced people depending upon the status of their previous marriage and with consideration for the care of any children. This will need to be discussed with a pastor. As an Anglican church, permission is also required from the Bishop.



Do you marry same sex couples?

We welcome same sex couples to our church, however we do not conduct same sex weddings. As a Bible believing church we uphold that marriage in God's sight is between one man and one woman voluntarily entered into for life.

Questions relating to the venue and wedding day

What days of the week can we get married?

The church is available on any day of the week, with the exception of Sundays. Please note that availability on Fridays is often limited. We do not conduct weddings on the Easter Weekend, or the first week after Christmas.

When can our florist/friends/musicians access the church?

The church is opened one-hour prior to the ceremony and is kept open for half an hour after the ceremony.

How many people does the church seat?

A maximum of 200 people (at a squeeze), although 140 is a more comfortable fit.

Is parking available?

At Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli there is parking in the church driveway for a maximum of three wedding cars. At St Augustine's, Neutral Bay we are able to attempt to set aside a limited amount of space for wedding cars in front of the church. Unfortunately, there is no other reserved parking on-site at either church. There is street parking close-by, and Church by the Bridge is a short walk from Milsons Point Railway Station. Please note that parking can be in short supply when there are large events in Kirribilli (e.g. during the monthly markets on the 4th Saturday of the month), so if marrying at Church by the Bridge, please advise your guests to allow plenty of time to find a parking space.

Can we arrange for another minister to lead the service?

This is possible, but please discuss this with us. This will require both the permission of the Senior Pastor, and/or for your minister to be ordained in the Anglican Church.



Do you allow Christian couples from other churches to marry at this church?

At this stage, we seek to provide weddings for members of The Bridge Church as well as those who don't attend a church. However, there is sometimes availability for guest Christian weddings.

Can our guests throw petals/confetti/rice, or have petals scattered down the aisle of the church?

For reasons of safety and cleanliness, we request that your guests do not throw confetti or rice or petals, either on church property or in the street.

Do you have facilities for a reception or refreshments?

Unfortunately, no facilities are available for hire on-site. Please note, alcohol is not permitted to be served anywhere on the church property.

Fees

The fee for a wedding service at The Bridge Church if you are not a regular member of our gatherings is \$1,250 (including the \$500 non-refundable deposit to secure your booking).

The payment must be made within 7 days via the invoice forwarded to you (once availability has been confirmed) to secure your booking. We will hold the booking for 7 days, but after that time if payment is not made, the date and time may be made available to another couple.

The balance of the fee must be paid no later than one month prior to the wedding date. An invoice will be sent out for the remainder of the balance.

Please be sure to include the groom's last name and either 'wedding deposit' or 'wedding balance' in the payment description so we can connect the payment to your wedding.

You can also make payment by credit card – please contact the church office for details.



Resources

Our desire is to prepare you not only for a great wedding day, but a life-long and loving marriage. We recommend the following resources on engagement and marriage:

- Questions to ask when preparing for marriage by John Piper
- Married for God by Christopher Ash
- 5 Languages of Love by Gary Chapman
- Marriage Builder by Lawrence Crabb
- Fit to be Tied, Making Marriage Last a Lifetime by Bill & Lynne Hybels
- The Meaning of Marriage by Tim & Kathy Keller
- God, Marriage and Family – Rebuilding the Biblical Foundation by Andreas J. Kostenberger, 2006
- Strengthening your Marriage by Wayne A. Mack
- What did you expect? by Paul Tripp\

Contact us

If we haven't answered your questions, please contact us at

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