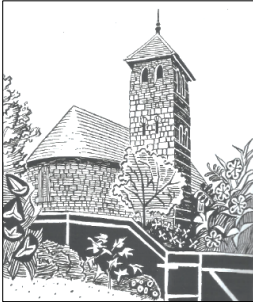


ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
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APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

(For couples getting married by a priest from St George's)

Congratulations on your engagement. We would like to help you on your journey towards your marriage and trust that the following directions will be helpful.

T's and C's are listed below. Please read these conditions carefully and sign this document indicating your compliance:

WHO CAN BE MARRIED IN THIS CHURCH?

1. Please note that the clergy of the Anglican Church are only allowed to marry in churches and cannot accept requests to marry in any other place (gardens, reception or secular wedding venues). Thus, this application only applies to your intention to get married in a church (it need not necessarily be an Anglican church).
2. At least one partner must be baptised (in any Christian church) and provide evidence of his/her baptism.
3. Divorcees need the Bishop's permission to get re-married. This process may take some time, so please ensure that you have at least 6 months available between the time of submitting this application and your proposed marriage date.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FROM HERE ONWARDS?

1. Complete and submit this form to the Parish Office.
2. Contact the priest who you have asked to marry you to make an appointment for an interview (These appointments only take place during morning office hours). *Please do not ask the priest to meet you at your convenience after office hours or on weekends.*
3. Should you be granted permission to get married at St George's, the date and time of your wedding will then be secured in the Church diary.
4. Please note that if an events company or wedding planner is organising your wedding, they must also read and sign this form. Any breach of the conditions listed below may result in the cancellation of your wedding and additional costs being levied against you. Please also note that the clergy from St George's will not communicate or negotiate with weddings planners. We will speak only to you as a couple and you are liable for any breach of these conditions committed by your wedding planner.
5. You will need to book dates and times to attend a Marriage Preparation course and information will be given to you by the priest during your initial interview.
6. Should you want to make use of the Church Organ, you will need to contact the Church Organist to decide on processions, hymns, and any other musical requests.

7. You will need to contact our St George's florist who will advise you regarding your floral preferences. The two main bouquets behind the High Altar may only be done by our designated Church florists – you may not do these yourself. Furthermore, as part of the agreement, you donate these bouquets to the church for our use on the Sunday services following your wedding. Take note that under no circumstances may the two bouquets behind the High Altar be removed. Additional flower arrangements may be added either by our florist or by your own florist, but all these must be removed immediately after your wedding. Please note that you may not bring any of your own floral arrangements into the church without consulting our florists first.
8. You will need to choose a reading or readings to be used at the service (not necessarily all from the Bible).
9. You are responsible for your service sheets/brochures and will need to arrange to have them printed. Your priest or minister will negotiate the structure and content of your marriage service with you and provide you with a list of the necessary headings for your brochure.
10. You will need to book a rehearsal date with your priest.
11. You will need to pay the full amount due for all costs associated with your wedding one month before your wedding. If you are late for your wedding (more than 15 minutes) additional costs will be levied to pay the organist, bell-ringers, choir, and security guards as per your booking.
12. We allow photographers and videographers into the wedding service. Free standing lights are not permitted, but camera flash may be used. Please inform your photographers to consult the priest before the service for rules regarding their conduct.
13. Paper confetti, seeds, rice or any other kind of material is not allowed on church property. You may only use fresh flower petals as confetti and only outside of the church. No petals may be sprinkled in the church on the carpets or floors.
14. No furniture or fittings of any kind in the church may be replaced or moved.
15. No Prayer Books, Bibles, or hymnals may be moved in the church.
16. No notices, posters, brochures or pamphlets, not matter where they are situated, may be moved or removed from the church.
17. The use of any additional candles in the church must be safety checked and protective bases must be placed under candles (even if they are supposedly dripless).
18. No nails, pins, tacks, tape or Prestik may be stuck to any furniture or walls in the church (Posies for the pews along the isle may be hung over the ends of the pews).
19. The High Altar is reserved for the sacraments. It is therefore not a decorative table and no decorations or flower arrangements may be put on the High Altar. A single nuptial candle may be placed in the centre of the altar if a candle lighting ceremony forms part of the wedding service.
20. St George's does not host wedding receptions and no loud music may be played in the church, hall or garden. You may serve drinks in the garden or hall after your wedding, but this should not last for more than one hour and an additional charge is due for such occasions. In such instances, it is your responsibility to have the premises cleaned and tidied before 17h30.
21. Please understand that St George's is a Heritage Site and that much of its interior furnishings and adornments are antique. It is expected that the property, and all its fittings and furnishing will be treated with utmost care and respect. Any abuse, neglect, or damage to St George's property will be billed to you and may result in legal action being taken against you. Please also remember that you are liable for any damage caused to the property by your wedding planner.

VERY IMPORTANT

DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED

PLEASE make sure that you bring all the required and relevant documents as listed below to the interview with the priest.

- a) Copies of your ID documents (Your priest/minister will certify all copies of documents for you).
- b) Three passport/ID photographs each.
- c) Your fingerprints will be taken shortly before the marriage – usually at the rehearsal a day or two before your wedding.
- d) Copies of the ID documents of your two chosen witnesses (who may not be your immediate family members or family members with the same surname as yours).
- e) Telephone numbers of your two chosen witnesses.
- f) Copies of your baptismal or confirmation certificates (from one partner is sufficient)
- g) If you are divorced, a copy of your **original** decree of divorce.
- h) If you are widowed, a copy of your former spouse's death certificate.
- i) A copy of the front page (covering letter) of your Ante-Nuptial contract.
- j) In the case of foreign nationals:
 - i) Completion of a BI 31E form (which your priest/minister will provide for you)
 - ii) Copy of your visa/residence permit with entry stamps.
 - iii) Copy of your passport.
 - iv) A letter of 'No Impediment' from your home country is sometimes required by the Department of Home Affairs (this serves to certify that you are not married, divorced, or widowed in your home country without legal notification in the RSA. Please note that the USA and UK do not provide these letters. In this case you need to consult the Department of Home Affairs in SA. A sworn affidavit may be accepted in this case).
 - v) You will need to attend an interview at the department of Home Affairs who will certify that your marriage is not a marriage of convenience for the purpose of gaining South African citizenship.

I have read and understand all the above requirements regarding legal documents;

Signed: Bride

Signed: Groom

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE

Please print clearly and complete all relevant sections (circle your choice):

Proposed date of marriage <i>(Please check the church schedule for available dates BEFORE inserting your choice)</i>			D	M	Y
Proposed time of marriage		H		M	
Do you require an organist?	Yes	No	Choice of hymns <i>(You may decide on these at a later stage)</i>		
Would you like the St George's choir to sing at your wedding?	Yes	No	Chosen item/s <i>(You may complete this at a later stage)</i>		
Would you like bell ringers?	Yes	No			
St George's will arrange the two main bouquets of flowers behind the altar. Do you require additional flower arrangements?	Yes	No	Primary colour		
The name and contact number of the Priest/Minister who will be marrying you if NOT a priest from St George's.				Cell	
Do you want a marriage service only, or a Nuptial Mass (with Communion in other words)?	Marriage Service only			Nuptial Mass	
How many people in your retinue/entourage?					
Estimated number of guests in the church?					
Do you want the Lord's Prayer said or sung?					
Do you need to use any other facilities in the church (<i>hall, tables, chairs, cutlery...</i>)?					
Any other special requests pertaining to the service itself?					
Rehearsal date and time					

BRIDE'S DETAILS												
Bride's full names and surname												
Are you a South African citizen?	Yes	No										
South African ID number <i>(Please attach a copy)</i>												
Which town/city were you born in?												
If you are a not an SA citizen, which country are you from?												
Foreign passport number <i>(Attach copy and all other required documents as stipulated in J above)</i>												
Current residential address and postal code												
Postal address												
Home phone												
E-mail address												
Occupation												
Highest level of education												
	Work phone											
	Cell											
Are you baptised and confirmed?	Baptised	Yes/No		Confirmed	Yes/No							
If yes to either or both of the above, indicate the name of the church, denomination, and town/city in which you were baptised and confirmed. <i>(Note: copies of one or the other must be attached to this form)</i>			Name of Church		Denomination			Town/city				
	Baptism											
	Confirmation											

Are you a member of St George's?	Yes	No			
If not, which church, if any, do you belong to now?					
Name and contact number of the minister/Priest.	Name:		Tel:		
Why do you want to get married at St George's? Justify briefly.					
Does any family relationship exist between you and your proposed spouse?	Yes	No			
Have you been married before?	Yes	No	Divorced	Widowed	
If you are widowed, please indicate the date of your former spouse's death and how long you were married for. <i>(a copy of the death certificate should be attached)</i>	Date of death:		Years married:		
If divorced, please complete all details: <i>(Note: a copy of the decree/notice of divorce issued by the court must be attached to this form)</i>	Name of former spouse?				
	How long were you married for?				
	Cause of divorce?				
	Place of divorce?				
	Do you have children from your former marriage?	Name and age			
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Name and age					
What is the stated cause of Divorce?					

What will your surname be after the marriage?	

GROOM'S DETAILS	
Groom's full names and surname	
Are you a South African citizen?	Yes No
South African ID number (Please attach a copy)	
Which town/city were you born in?	
If you are a not an SA citizen, which country are you from?	
Foreign passport number (Attach copy and all other required documents as stipulated in J above)	
Current residential address and postal code	
Postal address	
Home phone	
E-mail address	
Occupation	
Highest level of education	
	Work phone
	Cell

Are you baptised and confirmed?	Baptised	Yes/No		Confirmed	Yes/No		
If yes to either or both of the above, indicate the name of the church, denomination, and town/city in which you were baptised and confirmed. <i>(Note: copies of one or the other must be attached to this form)</i>			Name of Church	Denomination	Town/city		
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What is the stated cause of Divorce?	
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AGREEMENT			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have read, understood, and will comply with all the conditions set out above. 2. All the information in this document is true and correct. 3. We agree to pay all fees as set out by this church for our marriage. 4. PLEASE NOTE: If you are late for your wedding (more than 15 minutes) the bell-ringers and the choir (if you have booked them) will leave and you will be charged double for the organist. The priest also retains the right to leave the church if you are more than 30 minutes late! 			
Groom's signature		Bride's signature	
Wedding Planner's Signature		Name of Company	
		Name of wedding planner	
		Cell number	

CHECK LIST AND FEES FOR CLERGY <i>(For Office use only)</i>		
FEES		
ITEM	TICK	FEE/R
Initial clergy interview		N/A
Marriage prep course		Paid to facilitator
Organist		R
Choir		R
Bells		R
PA System		R
Verger		R
Security		R
Flowers		R
Clergy fee		R
Use of church		R
Use of Hall or Garden		R
Additional charges		R
		R
		R
Administration Fee		R
Additional music/choirs/soloists etc		R
License from Bishop for divorcees		N/A
Copy of Bapt/Conf certificate: Groom		N/A
Copy of Bapt/Conf certificate: Bride		N/A
Copies of Bride and Grooms ID's		N/A
Telephone numbers of witnesses		N/A
ID/Passport photos		N/A
Copy of ANC letter		N/A
Copy of decree of divorce/death cert		N/A
Foreign citizens:		
Passport		
Visa		
Proof of residence		
Letter of 'No Impediment'		
Affidavit		
Home Affairs Interview		
Copies of forms A and C		N/A
Bishop's License		N/A
Date register sent to Home Affairs		N/A
Total Fee	R	