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WEDDING INFORMATION

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Thankyou for your enquiry concerning marriage. It is a delight for the congregation at St David's to be part of this significant moment in your lives by opening up the church for your Christian ceremony. The following letter answers most of the most commonly asked questions about being married in St David's.

About the Church

St David's is a beautiful two-aisled sandstone church set among spacious grounds. There is seating for 150 - 180 guests, with parking available in the surrounding streets.

The Service

Couples are married in St David's under the oversight of the Uniting Church in Australia. The ceremony involves promises made in the name of God along with Bible readings, prayers and a short message on the theme of Christian marriage. At all times the wedding is at the discretion of the Minister of St David's, who may grant permission to appropriately qualified Ministers of other churches.

Costs and Arrangements

There is a contribution of **\$750** payable to St David's, which helps us maintain our beautiful old building as a place for worship. This amount includes the use of the church for a rehearsal, which is usually arranged in the few days prior to the ceremony. (The payment can be made in cash at the rehearsal, or by EFT prior to the wedding.)

Please note that this cost does not include any fee payable to your Minister, nor does it include music, flowers or using of the hall & kitchen (see below).

Minister: **\$300**

Flowers: **\$200** (Optional)

Organist: **\$150** (Optional)

Hall & Kitchen

Occasional Hall & Kitchen Users Fee: **\$300** (probably 6hrs)

Cleaning bond: **\$300**

Suitable only for cocktail style or small wedding reception.

Garbage must be removed and the hall must be vacated by 12mn.

Flowers

We can arrange for flowers to be placed in the church for the ceremony. This is an optional service and should be confirmed when the wedding booking is finalised. Arrangements can be made for couples to organise their own flowers.

Music

Every couple is different and so every wedding is different. We encourage the bridal couple to choose their own music that is suitable for the occasion. In the selection of suitable music the couple can choose their own pre-recorded music and play it in the church on the installed CD player. You may provide your own musicians, though approval needs to be given for the playing of the pipe organ.

We do have access to an outstanding organist, who can be booked via the Minister of St David's.

Booking the Church

An initial contact is made through the Minister at St David's, by completing the enclosed application form. Generally, a booking can be made for most times on a Saturday. On some weekends there are more than one wedding booked, but these are kept at least 2 hours apart. **\$100** booking fee is required.

Weddings are not booked for Sundays, as the church is used for worship throughout the day.

Preparation and Legal Requirements

The Minister conducting the ceremony will normally witness the 'Intention to Marry' document and conduct other preparation for the wedding as they see fit (1-2 marriage preparation interviews including a rehearsal). St David's will arrange to set up the church for the rehearsal and wedding.

If there are any other questions or matters of concern, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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Minister