



Weddings

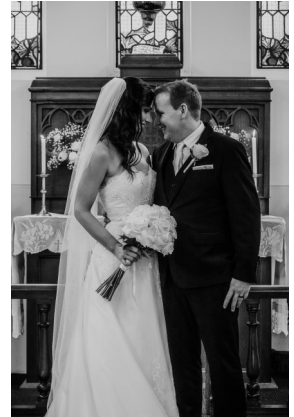
at the churches of **St Matthew's and All Saints**



Congratulations! on your engagement and wedding decision. It is wonderful that you have found your life partner, and that you want God's blessing on your lives together.

The Anglican Church regards marriage as one of the sacraments of life and the church. We therefore take it very seriously, as reflected in the words at the beginning of the service:

Marriage is therefore to be honoured by all. No one should enter it lightly or selfishly, but responsibly and joyfully, with mutual respect and the promise to be faithful.



It is also a legal ceremony, so there are steps along the way that must be completed, by Commonwealth Law. Provided is a list to guide you as you plan your wedding.

We anticipate with you the joy of your wedding day, and the fulfilment and joy of your marriage. It is a lovely, exciting time and we thank you for inviting us to be part of this most important and significant life event.

Please telephone or email the parish priest with any queries along the way – it is always best to answer questions as soon as they arise.

With blessings on your preparations and your lives,

Anglican Parish of Grovely

Things to Do

1. Marriage Preparation

We ask that you participate in one of the Marriage Preparation courses offered by the church. *Anglicare* has a variety of courses, and gives good, professional and enjoyable group or individual preparation. You can reach *Anglicare* by phoning 1300 114 397 or <https://www.betterrelationships.org.au/services/education/prepare/>.

2. First meeting with the Parish Priest

Takes place once you have completed the enclosed "Notice of Intended Marriage." This form must be lodged with your priest, a minimum of one month prior to the date you wish to get married. For example, if you lodged the notice on 25 June, the earliest date you could get married would be 25 July. The notice is valid for 18 months from the date it is lodged. After the form is lodged, and

within 6 months of the wedding date, we complete the legal requirements of that form, and begin to discuss the wedding service.

3. Subsequent meetings with the Parish Priest

We meet again before the service is finalised, and then in the week before the wedding. The final meeting is usually the practice of the wedding, and the signing of the declaration of “no impediment” to your marriage. This must take place during the seven days before your wedding day. At that practice, which involves all the wedding party, you would also give the priest the fees (see below).

4. Flowers and music

Help with the choice of music and flowers can be provided by some of the ladies in the parish. Please discuss your requirements with the Priest if you need help with the flowers or music. Please arrange this at least three months before the wedding.

5. Fees

The fee for a wedding in Grovely Parish is \$1000. This includes the costs for the church and the priest. The flowers and the organist are additional costs that can be discussed with the Priest. A deposit of \$400 is required when the wedding date is confirmed in the Church diary, the balance of \$600 should be given to the parish Priest at the rehearsal or EFT by that day.

6. Wedding Service Sheet

Our parish secretary is able to produce your wedding service sheet if you so desire. Please contact the parish office to enquire about this process.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS

There must be one reading from the Bible in the service; other readings can also be included, for example poems. Here are some suggested readings:

1 Corinthians 13.1-8a

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Romans 12.9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

John 15.9-12

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 John 3.18-24

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

1 John 4.7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF GROVELY

➡ Regular Worship

6 pm	Saturday, St Matthew's
7 am	Sunday, St Matthew's
9 am	Sunday, All Saints' (Sunday School)
10 am	Wednesday, St Matthews

➡ Baptism Preparation

This session is designed to help families and Godparents prepare for their children's baptisms in a friendly and supportive manner.

Please contact the Parish Office or speak to the Parish Priest about Baptism



St Matthews, Church Road, Mitchelton
Seats approximately 70



All Saints, Cobbity Crescent, Arana Hills
seats approximately 200

