

Music and Organist

The Church of the Epiphany has a superb pipe organ. Please consult our organist via the Parish Office regarding the choice of organ music, or any special music or musicians you may wish to use. Our organist can assist in contacting other musicians, or with arranging a choir for your wedding.

Flowers and Decorations

Please discuss any decoration requests with our verger. Rice and flower petals may be showered over the couple outside the church, but confetti is not permitted.

The Flower Guilds in each church can select and arrange flowers on request. Flowers usually then remain in the church for services after the wedding. Alternatively, you may provide your own floral arrangements.

Celebratory Drinks

Drinks may be served after the service by arrangement with the verger, who can also direct you to affordable caterers, and advise on costs.

The Anne Jolly Hall

The Anne Jolly Hall at Crafers is a fully-equipped modern venue with space for up to 100 for casual drinks, or 80 seated at tables. The verger again, can advise on costs.

The Memorial Garden

May also be available, by arrangement with the verger, for weddings and small functions.

Bushfires

For all their well-known beauties, the Adelaide Hills can be places of fire danger in summer. Our Bushfire protection Policy ensures the safety of those using our facilities, and is consistent with advice provided by the Country Fire Service in S.A.

On Days of catastrophic Fire Danger, all worship services and other activities will be cancelled. Weddings scheduled for that day will, at the discretion of the priest, either be postponed or relocated to another church. Please discuss these possibilities with the Parish Priest, especially for wedding dates between November and April.

God the Father lovingly enfold you,
God the Son grace your home and table
God the Holy Spirit crown you with joy and peace,
The Lord bless you and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

*(from the Wedding Service,
A Prayer Book for Australia)*

CONTACT US

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YOUR WEDDING

IN

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF STIRLING



The Church of the Epiphany, Epiphany Place, Crafers



Where to begin

We're delighted you're considering celebrating your marriage in one of our churches, but first, please contact the Parish Office to ensure your chosen date is free.

Then, you'll need to complete an **application form**, available on-line at www.stirlinganglican.org.au or from our Parish Office, 8339 1274.

Return the form to us as at PO Box 45, CRAFERS SA 5152 with your **Booking Fee of \$100**.

We will issue a **receipt and a confirmation of booking**, either by email or post.

Please note that the fulfilling of the legal requirements for marriage usually takes at least one month.

Arranging the Ceremony

We recommend that you contact the priest who will be celebrating your wedding as soon as possible, to allow the priest time to prepare the necessary religious and legal aspects. The marriage service is detailed in the full version of *A Prayer Book for Australia*. You'll find copies in each of our churches

Your Wedding Interview

We ask you, as a couple, to attend an interview with our Parish Priest, who will discuss all aspects of the wedding with you. Please bring to the interview your **original birth certificate** and **photo ID** (ie Driver's Licence) **or your passports**.

At the first interview, the *Notice of Intended Marriage* will be signed, the wedding service format discussed and a rehearsal date set.



The Church of the Ascension, 2 Arkaba Road, Aldgate

Your own preparation for marriage

We strongly encourage couples to prepare for their marriage by completing a preparation course. Your officiating priest will be able to advise you on suitable courses.

If one of you has been married before

The Diocese requires that people embarking on a second marriage complete a marriage-preparation course. Divorced people may only be married in the church if the priest has obtained the Archbishop's permission. A minimum notice period of 6 months is normal.

Visiting Clergy

Clergy from other places may be invited to conduct the marriage in one of our churches, but please discuss this first with our Parish Priest.

Wedding Verger

Our wedding verger will attend your rehearsal and your ceremony as our Parish representative. She'll help with any questions about the church preparation, including decorations and flower arrangements. She is Ms. Valerie Pullan, available during working hours on 8339 3450.

The Rehearsal

The rehearsal, involving the priest and the bridal party, is usually held in the week prior to the wedding, and lasts up to an hour.



The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 435 Mt. Barker Road, Bridgewater

The Wedding Service

The service, including signing the documents, usually takes about 40 minutes.

The Church of the Epiphany seats 170 comfortably, The Church of the Ascension, 70 and St. Michael and All Angels 40.

Costs

Church of the Epiphany, Crafers	\$1,700-00
Church of the Ascension, Aldgate	\$900-00
St. Michael and All Angels, Bridgewater	\$900-00

Please note, these costs are in addition to the Booking Fee, and include the following,

- Church hire
- Administration costs
- Payment of our clergy and organist
- Payment of wedding verger
- Flower arrangements.

Parishioners should discuss these costs with the Parish Priest.

Payment

Cheques or Bank Account transfers should be made payable to Stirling Anglican Parish. Fees are required before or on the day of the wedding rehearsal, and do not include the Booking Fee. (See "Where to Begin")