

Your Wedding At St. Andrew's United Church Fort Langley

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Congratulations on your decision to be married and we are delighted to help you prepare for this wonderful day. We respect your own understanding of spirituality and, although Debra does not perform civil ceremonies, she would be pleased to work with you to craft a service that reflects your personal belief in God.

History of St. Andrew's United Church Fort Langley

St. Andrew's United Church is the oldest church building in BC, in continuous worship. The Sanctuary, built in 1885 - 121 years ago, features original pews, doors and floors. The beautiful stained glass windows glow in the mid-day sun and the centre aisle, with deep red carpet, leads to the alter between the century-old pews. St. Andrew's sanctuary will hold a maximum of 100 people.

Pre-Marriage Education

St. Andrew's encourage that the wedding couple participate in "The Marriage Project Workshop", a non-denominational pre-marriage course located at various locations throughout the Lower Mainland. Check the website at www.TheMarriageProject.ca. Cost is approximately \$210.00.

Music

St. Andrew's Church Organist and musician, Allan Anderson, plays for all weddings. Any other organist or pianist must be cleared with the Wedding Co-Ordinator. Debra and Allan can help you plan appropriate music for the wedding service. Please discuss your choices with the organist three weeks prior to the wedding.

Marriage License

Your marriage license may be obtained from any Vital Statistics Office - call 604-660-2937 or website www.vs.gov.bc.ca for the office nearest you.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE TO THE CHURCH ON OR BEFORE THE REHEARSAL.

Decorating the Sanctuary

Please respect our historic Church building and refrain from marring any of the wood surfaces with tacks, nails, staples, etc. All decorations and equipment must be removed immediately after the wedding. Please ask the Wedding Co-Ordinator for guidelines regarding flowers, pew bows (we have 16 pews), and candles. Please note that we do not allow real flower petals to be strewn on the carpet. Confetti, rice, and birdseed are NOT permitted. In case of damage, the Wedding Couple will be held responsible for all charges necessary to repair the damage.

Rehearsal

The Wedding Co-Ordinator will conduct the rehearsal, which is usually held a day or two before the wedding. All members of the wedding party are expected to attend. The parents of the Bride and Groom will also benefit

from attending as it helps to make the ceremony go more smoothly. Please arrive on time, as other activities may be scheduled in the church following your rehearsal. The rehearsal should take about 1 hour.

Wedding Day

The Church will be open one hour before your wedding. Ushers should arrive 30 minutes prior to wedding time. The groom and his attendants should arrive 20 minutes before the wedding. Our church organist will also arrive 20 minutes early to play as the guests are seated. As another wedding or church activity may be scheduled to follow your wedding, please be prompt.

Wedding Bells

The Wedding Co-Ordinator, or your appointee, will ring the church bells when the newly married couple exits through the front of the Church. It is not uncommon for the Bride and Groom to ring the bells themselves.

Programs

Programs (if required) are the responsibility of the wedding couple. Information regarding St. Andrew's and the order of the ceremony can be obtained through the Wedding Co-Ordinator, or the website.

Photographs

Wedding pictures give a lasting remembrance, but the picture taking can detract from the service. We have established the following guidelines for weddings we host:

- ◆ Photographs are permitted during the processional, recessional and the signing of the register. The Minister will make this announcement before the wedding begins. There will be no pictures during the ceremony itself. If you have a professional photographer, we ask that he, or she, speak to the Minister before the ceremony to establish guidelines.
- ◆ The wedding party is welcome to come back into the church after the ceremony for more candid photos. Please speak to the Wedding Co-Ordinator for time guidelines.
- ◆ We will accommodate one video photographer. Please ask that they speak to the Minister or Wedding Co-Ordinator before the ceremony.

Wedding Fees

Total Fee	\$600.00	Includes Minister, Organist, Sanctuary and Wedding Co-Ordinator
Deposit	- \$50.00	Non-Refundable deposit at booking
Balance	\$550.00	Balance is due one month prior to the wedding date

It is protocol that the presiding minister of a congregation officiates at all weddings at St. Andrew's. Our sanctuary is not rented out for other ministers to perform weddings

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We Sincerely Hope You Enjoy Your Special Day At St. Andrew's United Church In Historic Fort Langley And We Extend Our Invitation To You And Your Friends To Join Us In Worship On Sundays, 10:00 a.m. And For Coffee And A Visit After The Service.

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