



Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Corner Creek and Ann Streets, Brisbane

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# Questions Answered



**Below you will find a number of answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that often come up when people consider choosing a venue and a minister to preside at their wedding**

**Will the minister of Saint Andrew's preside at a same gender wedding?**

Yes. Saint Andrews is committed to marriage equality and the minister will preside at the marriage of two people who are committing their lives to one another in love.

**Is the minister able to preside at venues other than the Saint Andrew's Church?**

Yes. It is possible for the minister to preside at your wedding at your venue. If you choose a venue other than Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, the ceremony will still be a religious ceremony and you will be married under the rites of the Uniting Church in Australia.

**Can we be married in the Church or be married by the minister if we are not baptised?**

Yes, you can. The Uniting Church does not require baptism before a wedding can happen in the Church.

**Can a Minister from another church conduct the wedding?**

It is possible for another Christian Minister to conduct a wedding at Saint Andrew's Church with the approval of Saint Andrew's Minister. Any minister presiding must be respectful of our choice to commit to marriage equality.

**Can we be married in the Church or be married by the minister if we are divorced?**

Yes, you can be. You are required to produce the original certificate confirming that the divorce order has taken effect from the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia.

Similarly, if either party is widowed you must provide the original death certificate of previous marriage partner.





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### **Is marriage preparation available?**

If you do wish to participate in marriage preparation it is available. Prior to your wedding the minister will sit with you to discuss your decision to come together in the covenant of marriage and any further preparation can be discussed and planned.

### **Can we have a wedding on Sunday?**

Within the church it is possible; however, not preferable. If there is a specific reason for you choosing a Sunday this can be negotiated. If you are choosing to be married at another venue then it is more likely that the minister can accommodate such a request.

### **We're under 18, can we get married?**

Without the order of a judge or magistrate and parental/guardian permission, a person under the age of 18 cannot be married. Under no circumstances can permission be granted when both parties are under the age of 18.

### **What is the minimum period of notice?**

The law requires that the Notice of Intended Marriage (NOIM) is completed at least one month prior to the marriage taking place. However, it is preferable for the minister to have at least 3 months' notice for preparation. If there is a specific reason for the marriage to take place within the legal notice period this can be negotiated.

### **What are the options for Transport and Parking at Saint Andrew's?**

We are conveniently located across the road from Central Station making public transport a handy option. For weekend weddings, you can arrange parking with Cornerstone Car Park located at 300 Ann Street. This additional cost is the responsibility of the couple.

### **Can we have a Photographer/Videographer?**

While this is not a service we provide we are happy to accommodate your needs and wishes. Remember to speak to the minister ahead of time to ensure that plans can be made.

### **Can one of us arrive late?**

In short 'no', while it may be customary for one of the couple to arrive late, we ask that you do arrive on time. If there are other commitments in the church or for the minister a delay may cause inconvenience to others. If, however, you are delayed please inform the minister at the earliest opportunity.



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### ***Can we sing/have someone sing?***

We are currently continuing to learn to live with the restrictions of COVID. Please be aware that if you intend to have hymns that you would like your guests to participate in people must remain seated while singing. If you have a soloist singing at your wedding, they must be located 4 metres from the closest person. The sanctuary area does allow for the spacing\*.

### **How many people can the Church seat?**

The maximum seating capacity is 228.

### **Can we have confetti?**

We understand that this can add to the celebration but unfortunately the throwing of confetti, rice and flower petals is not permitted inside or outside of the church building. If your wedding is at an alternative venue you will need to discuss this with representatives of that venue.

### **What are the costs?**

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| Wedding at Saint Andrew's UCA                                          | \$1500.00 |
| Wedding at Saint Andrew's UCA (Using your own Minister)                | \$1300.00 |
| Minister only fee. If your wedding is being held at an external venue. | \$600.00  |

Details of what is included in the costs can be found in our Costs and Inclusions document.

If your question hasn't been answered please don't hesitate to contact us.

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