



ST. MARGARET IN-THE-PINES

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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We are delighted that you are interested in being married at St. Margaret in-the-Pines. St. Margaret's has a long history of helping couples build strong, successful marriages. Our concern in all of the above is your welfare and life together in Christ. You are embarking on a great adventure and full of promise. We wish you well in all your plans and pledge our prayers for you both. If you are not presently attending any church, we invite you to start worshipping with us! At least one of the bride or groom must be a baptized Christian. If neither of you is baptized, a course of preparation for baptism can occur with enough preparation time.

This material will help you if you are considering getting married at St. Margaret in-the-Pines. If you haven't already done so, please contact the church office, 416-284-4121 or stmargaret@bellnet.ca. A member of the clergy will call you at this point to advise you of the next steps and confirm your requested wedding date.

Note: Our clergy must be in full approval of the marriage before permission to use the church is granted. Because there are rare occasions when a request may be denied, we ask couples not to book venues or print invitations or service brochures before permission is given.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Christian marriage is a holy and public covenant in the presence of God. In the Anglican Church, it is required that one, at least, of the parties be baptized in the Christian faith. It is hoped that couples intending marriage at St. Margaret in-the-Pines are willing to practice their faith by worship.

PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

The church requires that each couple prepare for marriage. There are many things to think about in preparing for marriage: family backgrounds, roles and expectations, finances, communication, conflict resolution, sexuality, spirituality, in-laws, children and more. There is also a need to think through and plan the service itself. This will involve a minimum of three one-hour counseling sessions with one of the clergy as well as participation in an upcoming pre-marriage course. We recommend the program offered by The Rev'd Brian Murray of Humancare. He can be reached at: 905-841-3173 or see the website at: www.marriageprep.com.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

A marriage licence must be obtained. These are issued at any municipal office. Please note the licence is valid for three months from the date of issue but there is a waiting period of three full days between the date of issue and the date of the wedding. Please bring your marriage licence to the clergy at the final preparation meeting before the wedding. Please note: under no circumstances may a wedding be performed in any Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto within 60 days of the first request.

REHEARSAL

A rehearsal generally takes place on the evening before the wedding. All members of the wedding party meet with the officiating clergy.

FLOWERS

Please notify the church office of the time you wish to have flowers delivered in order that the sexton may be notified and the church opened. We are delighted when some flowers are left in place for the Sunday morning worship service when we pray for your marriage.

CONFETTI

Confetti, bubbles, petals, etc., may not be used in the church or on church grounds.

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE

EUCHARIST

We encourage practicing, baptized Christians to seriously consider having the Eucharist as part of their marriage celebration. An Anglican wedding service must conform to either the Book of Common Prayer or the Book of Alternative Services. As a wedding service is a service of worship only music expressing Christian faith can be used.

Music

Music is to be in keeping with Christian worship. If you wish, it is appropriate to sing a hymn during the ceremony. Common Praise, the hymn book of the Anglican Church of Canada, offers three that are especially suited to weddings: Hymns 287, 288 and 289. Our Musical Director, Mr. David Murrell is available for consultation regarding your wedding music most Sundays after our 10:00 a.m. service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament and New Testament Readings:

- Genesis 1.27–28,31a (God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them)
- Tobit 8.5b–8 (Not . . . because of lust, but with sincerity)
- Romans 12.1–2,9–13 (Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good)
- 1 Corinthians 13 (So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love)
- Ephesians 3.14–19 (To comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ)
- Colossians 3.12–17 (Put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony)
- 1 John 4.7–12 (If we love one another, God abides in us)

Psalms and Suitable Refrains:

67	(May God be merciful to us and bless us)
112.1–6	(Happy are they who fear the Lord <i>or</i> Hallelujah!)
148.1–6	(Hallelujah!)
150	(Hallelujah!)

Gospel Readings:

Matthew 5.1–10	(Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied)
Matthew 22.35–40	(You shall love the Lord your God . . . You shall love your neighbour as yourself)
Mark 10.6–9	(The two shall become one flesh)
John 2.1–11	(On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee)
John 15.9–12	(This is my commandment, that you love one another)

BULLETINS

Some couples want to provide a service bulletin for those who attend their wedding. We are happy to help with planning and producing a simple bulletin for you. We are able to provide 150 black and white bulletins. Please let the church office know as early as possible (no later than one month before your wedding) if you would like St. Margaret in-the-Pines to provide bulletins for your guests.

RENTED ITEMS

You are responsible to ensure that rented, or other items which you supply, are removed from the church immediately after the ceremony and returned to the rental agency or other source.

VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Videos are permitted as long as it is unobtrusive and does not interrupt the solemnity of the service. Pictures may be taken as the wedding party enters the church, however, there are to be no flash pictures throughout the service. Pictures may be taken during the signing of the register. It is helpful you discuss this when making arrangements with your photographer and he/she meet with the Presiding Celebrant (Clergy) 15 minutes before the service to discuss this policy.

FEES

Please bring the various fees to the wedding rehearsal in separate envelopes.

Organist:	\$175.00
Church:	\$500 donation (minimum)
Clergy:	\$350.00
Sexton:	\$100.00