

St. Mary's Anglican Church

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Name

Date of Wedding

Location of Wedding

Marriages taking place outside the church

The Anglican Church of Canada General Synod Canon dealing with marriages states that:

- a. Marriage is a public act and should be solemnized in the face of the community and of friends and neighbours of the couple.
- b. Every marriage shall be solemnized in the presence of at least two witnesses in addition to the officiating minister.
- c. The body of the church is the appropriate place for the solemnization of a marriage but a marriage may be solemnized in another location if the incumbent, after consultation with the bishop, is satisfied that the solemnity and public nature of the occasion will be preserved and that the service will be conducted with dignity in godly and decent order.

As such the Guidelines for the Diocese of Toronto concerning the location a marriage is solemnized require that:

- The decision about where the marriage takes place is now made by the clergy **after consultation with the bishop.**
- The presiding minister should be in charge of **all aspects** of the service (including appropriate photography and videography.)
- The service should be held in a place separate from the reception and before the reception begins.
- It should be clear to those in attendance that the ceremony is a celebration of Christian marriage as if done in a church. Appropriate scripture passages should be chosen to reflect this.
- One of the authorized liturgies of the Anglican Church of Canada **must be used.**
- The couple must ensure that copies of the liturgy or at least the people's parts are made available to allow for the participation of those attending.
- The service will begin promptly at the agreed upon time.
- Clergy should vest.

The fees for a wedding outside the church are:

Clergy Honorarium	\$350 (including \$50 for travel)
Donation to St. Mary's	\$250

We agree to the above guidelines and will adhere to them in the planning of our wedding service.

Bride

Groom

Incumbent

Date