



THIS FORM KEPT BY THE CHAPLAIN / MINISTER

St James Church Menangle

(A Ministry of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney. Church address is 131 Menangle Road, Menangle)

[] St James Church or [] Other Venue: _____

Contact phone numbers on the day: Bride _____ Groom _____

Emails: Bride _____

Groom _____

Wedding Day/Date: _____ Time: _____

Dad (or _____) to present: [] Yes [] No

Groom (Full Name): _____

Bride (Full Name): _____

1st Witness (Full Name): _____

2nd Witness (Full Name): _____

1. Names of Bridesmaids / Flowergirls (age):

2. Names of Groomsmen / Pageboys (age):

3. No. of rings: _____ No. of wedding guests / age range: _____

4. Bible passage/s: _____ Other reading: _____

5. To be read by: _____

6. For wedding music would you prefer:
[] Traditional [] To consult with the organist [] Supply own CDs/iPod/Musicians [] Mixture
If you would like to have your own music played, then the music / words of any song(s) need to be approved by the Minister.

7. Congregational singing during the service? [] Yes [] No
Unless a significant number of your guests are used to singing hymns in church, we suggest that you don't have a hymn.

8. Printed Order of Service or the like? [] Yes [] No Date ready _____.

9. The total cost of your wedding is \$850. A deposit of \$250 is required at the time of booking and the \$600 balance is due one month before the wedding. Payments/deposits can be made by cheque – make payable to "St James Menangle" and sent to St James Anglican Church, PO Box 2, Menangle, 2568 OR by direct deposit – BSB 062-516 A/C no. 00901693 (Commonwealth) Menangle Anglican Parish.

10. Whilst St James Church or other venues have a fee for use of the building / venue etc. No personal payment to the Minister/Chaplain is expected. The cost of your wedding preparation and its conducting is a donation figure decided by you (\$_____). This donation is for the management etc. and the time given by the Minister/Chaplain in preparation, organising and conducting the wedding. Monies donated are used to support struggling families and children in the local (and other) areas.

11. St James has a peal of eight bells which can be rung before and after your wedding ceremony for an additional cost of \$300. Should you require the bells to be rung, please contact Roy Craddock on 4655 9632.
12. We like to allow one hour for your wedding. This includes time for all necessary photographs.
13. You will need to arrange your *own photographer and video person*. These persons *will need to speak with the Chaplain/Minister before* the wedding commences. As a general rule no confetti, rose petals or rice is permitted in the grounds of Wedding Venues unless permission is given.
14. All arrangements regarding the use of the Chapel/Church building/Venue *are made by the Minister /Chaplain in consultation with the couple and building managers/owners. In consult with the Minister/Chaplain* you arrange music, ushers, flowers, decorating and the cleaning of the church/venue.
15. **Rehearsal:** there is generally no need for a rehearsal but one can be arranged beforehand if needed.
16. **Home Address** _____
17. **Please complete this form** as best as you can. Bring it, your questions (Notice Of Intended Marriage Form, Birth Certificates, Passports) with you for your first appointment. **Please email this form and the Notice Of Intended Marriage Form to admin@menangle.anglican.asn.au**

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THESE PAGES THAT FOLLOW RETAINED BY THE WEDDING COUPLE**

18. Contact details:

Our Minister: Chris Moroney

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19. Helpful site regarding Bible Readings

biblegateway.com

Look down drop down menu for **New International Version (NIV) or New Living Translation (NLT)**

The readings below are eminently appropriate

It is good to choose two Bible readings

Genesis 2:18-25 **and** Psalm 121, 128:1-4 **and** Ecclesiastes 4:7(or 9)-12 **and** Song of Songs 2:10-13, 8:6-7
Matthew 5:1-10, John 2:1-11, John 15:12-17, Romans 12:9-12, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Ephesians 3:14-19,
5:21-33, Colossians 3:12-19 or 12-17, Philippians 2:1-11 or 1-9, 4:4-9, 1 John 4:7-12,

20. Poetry and other helps

John Donne (1572–1631)

The Anniversary

All kings, and all their favourites,
All glory of honours, beauties, wits,
The sun itself, which makes times, as they pass,
Is elder by a year now than it was
When thou and I first one another saw:
All other things to their destruction draw,
Only our love hath no decay,
This no tomorrow hath, nor yesterday,
Running it never runs from us away,
But truly keeps his first, last, everlasting day.

William Penn (1644-1718)

Never marry but for love

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.
He that minds a body and not a soul has not the better part of that relationship, and will consequently lack the noblest comfort of a married life. Between a man and his wife nothing ought to rule but love.
As love ought to bring them together, so it is the best way to keep them well together.
A husband and wife that love one another show their children that they should do so too. Others visibly lose their authority in their families by their contempt of one another, and teach their children to be unnatural by their own examples. Let not enjoyment lessen, but augment, affection; it being the basest of passions to like when we have not, what we slight when we possess.
Here it is we ought to search out our pleasure, where the field is large and full of variety, and of an enduring nature; sickness, poverty or disgrace being not able to shake it because it is not under the moving influences of worldly contingencies.
Nothing can be more entire and without reserve; nothing more zealous, affectionate and sincere; nothing more contented than such a couple, nor greater temporal felicity than to be one of them.

You may care to discuss personal suggestions for use at the wedding...

George Eliot

Be at one with each other

What greater thing is there for two human souls than to feel that they are joined - to strengthen each other - to be at one with each other in silent unspeakable memories.

Adapted from Far from the Madding Crowd (Thomas Hardy)

We are all on our own paths, all on our own journeys. Sometimes the paths cross, and people arrive at the crossing points at the same time and meet each other. There are greetings, pleasantries are exchanged, and then they move on. But then once in a while the pleasantries become more, friendship grows, deeper links are made, hands are joined and love flies. The friendship has turned into love. Paths are joined, one path with two people walking it, both going in the same direction, and sharing each other's journeys. Today N and N are joining their paths. They will now skip together in harmony and love, sharing joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, strengthening and upholding each other as they walk along side by side. At home by the fire, whenever I look up, there you will be. And whenever you look up, there I shall be.

21. Blessings and other helps.

Traditional Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

WEDDING PRAYER

~ **By Robert Louis Stevenson** ~

Lord, behold our family here assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
for the love that unites us,
for the peace accorded us this day,
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,
for the health, the work, the food,
and the bright skies that make our lives delightful;
for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen

22. *Printed Order of Service* (see additional sheet...examples/template provided by the Minister/Chaplain)

23. *Please bring all your queries / questions with you...(write below)*
