



## St. George on Yonge

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### Guidelines for the Sacrament of Marriage Outside the Church

The Anglican Church of Canada Canon dealing with the place of Marriages states that:

- 1) Marriage is a public act and should be solemnized in the face of the community and of friends and neighbours of the couple.
- 2) Every marriage shall be solemnized in the presence of at least two witnesses in addition to the officiating minister.
- 3) 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, following the guidelines of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto:

- i) The decision about where the marriage takes place is made by the clergy after consultation with the bishop.
- ii) The presiding minister should be in charge of all aspects of the service including choice of music and the activity of photographers or videographers.
- iii) The service should be held in a place separate from the reception and before the reception begins.
- iv) It should be clear to those in attendance that the ceremony is a celebration of a Christian marriage as if done in a church.
- v) One of the authorized liturgies of the Anglican Church of Canada must be used.
- vi) Copies of the liturgy are to be made available to allow for the full participation of those attending.
- vii) Clergy should vest appropriately.

**Fees** Please note that other fees may be applicable and that fees may be amended from time to time.

Donation to St. George on Yonge	\$265 (Parishioner) or \$525 (Non-parishioner)
Clergy	\$500

# Church of St. George on Yonge

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Please return two signed copies of this page to the church office at least two weeks before your meeting with the clergy, as an acknowledgment of receiving these guidelines.

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Signature of Bride

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Signature of Clergy

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Signature of Groom

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Date

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