



Marriage and the Church

Gisborne Presbyterian Parish **YOUR WEDDING**

IN



MATAWHERO HISTORIC CHURCH

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Welcome to Matawhero Historic Church.

You may be considering being married in our Matawhero church.

If you decide this is the venue for you, you will need to check with the office administrator that the church is available for the date you choose. The request will then go to the Parish Council who will make a decision at their monthly meeting. One of our church members will meet with you at the Church prior to your wedding day to discuss arrangements.

Legal Requirements

A valid Marriage License which is obtained for a fee from the Registrar of Birth, Deaths, and Marriages, located at the Court House. The license is to be shown to the Celebrant, Minister or an Elder of the church before the service. The Licence and Church Register are to be filled in and completed as part of the service.

Music

A church organist may be available at a fee to play at weddings. Alternatively you can provide your own music or make use of the CD player available at the church. Whatever is decided please ensure that the Office Administrator or a church official is informed.

Buildings and Grounds

Every effort is made to have the Church grounds clean and tidy for your wedding. We ask that the church and grounds are left as you found them. It is preferred that confetti is not used inside the church.

Greeters

It is advisable to have two people available twenty minutes before the start of the service to welcome your guests and escort them to their seats.

Flowers and Decorations

Floral arrangements for weddings are the responsibility of the wedding party.

If you wish to decorate the pews or church please don't use sellotape, blue tac, or drawing pins. Pew markers can be attached with ribbon or rubber bands.

It would be appreciated if any decorations are removed as soon as possible after the wedding. A time can be arranged with a church official

Fee

A minimum fee of \$250.00 is to be paid to the Gisborne Presbyterian Parish for the use of Matawhero Church.

The Minister/Celebrant's fee is according to the expectation of the person who is marrying you and is not covered by the above fee



As you plan for this very special day in your life, may you know the Love of God and the Peace of Christ is with you and over you.

