

FEES

1. The fee for holding your wedding and reception at Christ Church is \$2,750.

Additional services to those described above include:

The services of our Events Coordinator

Two hours to decorate and prepare

Ithan Hall

Five hours for the reception in Ithan Hall

Use of the kitchen in Ithan Hall

2. The fee for holding your wedding ceremony at Christ Church is \$1,350. The services provided include:

Two hours for rehearsal and decoration in the church

The services of our Pastor or Event Coordinator (if outside clergy is used)

Three hours on the day of the wedding for the use of the church.

Music provided by our Organist

Cleaning services by our Sexton

3. The fee for holding your rehearsal dinner in Ithan Hall is \$500. Services include:

The assistance of our Events Coordinator

Two hours for decoration of Ithan Hall

Three hours for the rehearsal dinner in Ithan Hall

Use of the kitchen in Ithan Hall

Note: if additional time is needed for any of the above, there is an additional fee of \$150 per hour.

To book your wedding at Christ Church, simply return the signed contract with a deposit check in the amount of ? The balance of the fee, along with the marriage license, must be received in the parish office by the Monday before the wedding ceremony.

WEDDINGS AT CHRIST CHURCH, ITHAN



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WEDDING POLICIES

1. At Christ Church it is our privilege to assist couples in the preparation and celebration of their wedding. Our beautiful campus includes an English country church and Ithan Hall, which is a wonderful venue for a rehearsal dinner, a reception, or both. Couples are invited to consider having any or all of these at Christ Church. There are several options to consider:

If you would like to celebrate your wedding at Christ Church, you can either work with the Pastor of Christ Church, Fr. John Sosnowski, or invite your own Pastor to celebrate your wedding. If you would like to invite your own pastor, Fr. Sosnowski would only need verification that she or he is a licensed minister of a recognized church.

Ithan Hall is a wonderfully convenient setting for a rehearsal dinner. Rehearsals are usually held in the early evening on the day before the ceremony, and what could be more simple than walking across the driveway and into Ithan Hall for your rehearsal dinner?

All of the above is equally true for your wedding reception, with the additional convenience that, while the guests enter Ithan Hall for the reception, the wedding party and photographer can take advantage of our beautiful church and grounds for photographs.

2. Christ Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Couples married at Christ Church by the Pastor will need to fulfill the requirements of the Episcopal Church in regards to marriage preparation. These include:

a. Three counseling sessions prior to the ceremony. These can either be with Fr. John or verification can be provided that the sessions have taken place with another member of the clergy or a licensed counselor.

b. Marriage licenses can be obtained from any courthouse in the State of Pennsylvania. Licenses must be obtained more than 72 hours before the wedding ceremony to comply with State Law.

c. If either party is remarrying, permission must be received from the Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania.

3. Christ Church is also a local parish church with a staff that works together to make every wedding beautiful. These include:

a. An Events Coordinator for those who will have their reception or rehearsal dinner at Christ Church. Judi Garst has years of experience in event planning and will help guide each couple from point of contact through the wedding day.

b. A Music Director who will consult with couples to select music for their ceremony. We also have contacts with soloists who are available to provide a choral or instrumental touch to the ceremony.

c. A Sexton who assists in preparing the church for the wedding and cleaning it afterwards.

4. We do ask a few things of other professionals who will be joining us for the wedding:

a. Photographers and videographers are asked to check in with the Pastor 20 minutes before the ceremony. Once the ceremony begins, which is when the Pastor gives the welcome, photographers should be at the top of the side on the right side of the church. This will provide a good angle for the opening service as well as access to the side passage to the high altar, which will provide a good angle for the vows and rings. No other movement around the church is permitted during the ceremony. Once the ceremony begins, a videographer may set up a tripod in the back of the church to record the ceremony, as long as the camera is removed before the procession out of the church. We also request that no flash photography be taken during the ceremony.

b. We ask that any flowers brought in for the ceremony are removed from the church after the ceremony. The couple may choose to leave the altar flowers in the church for Sunday, at which time their new marriage is prayed for by the congregation.

c. We ask that nothing be thrown at the couple as they leave the church, such as rice, flower petals, etc.