

# PADDINGTON UNITING CHURCH

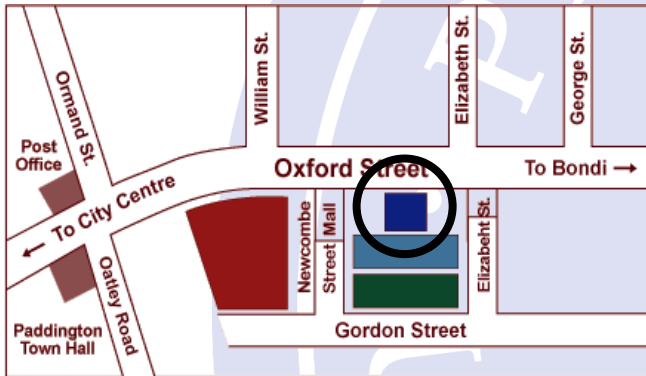
## Getting Married - Frequently Asked Questions

### WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE PADDINGTON UNITING CHURCH FOR MY CEREMONY?

- ✓ central location
- ✓ affordability
- ✓ historic sandstone building
- ✓ inclusive, no-pressure environment
- ✓ hassle-free auxiliary services

### WHERE IS THE VENUE LOCATED?

Paddington Uniting Church is situated on the southern side of Oxford Street in the heart of Paddington, approximately 2.5km east of the Sydney CBD.



- Paddington Church
- Paddington Children's Centre
- Paddington Church Hall
- Venue Parking

The precinct is most famous as the site of Paddington Markets, Australia's internationally renowned art, craft and fashion market.

### WHAT IS THE CAPACITY OF THE CHURCH?

2-120 people.

### WHEN CAN I HAVE MY CEREMONY?

Paddington specialises in twilight ceremonies. The best times are:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings 6 to 9pm

*Important!* We can also arrange ceremonies on all other days of the week, but we are limited to small weddings between 11 and 3pm on Saturdays due to the operation of Paddington Markets (no parking available at this time).

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

You can book a ceremony at Paddington Uniting Church for \$750 (incl GST). This includes:

- hire of the Church for the ceremony,
- celebration of the wedding and pre-marriage counselling by the Minister,
- use of an on-site dressing room,
- a rehearsal prior to your ceremony,
- site management,
- public liability insurance,
- cleaning of the Church after the ceremony.

Please refer below for a list of other services which are available to assist you in planning your ceremony.

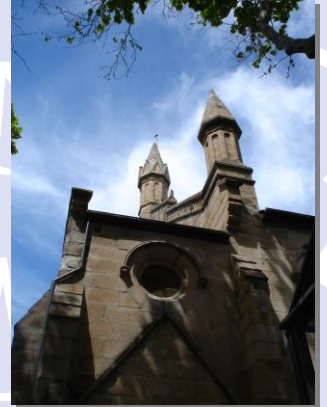
### WHO CAN HAVE A CEREMONY AT PADDINGTON UNITING CHURCH?

We do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, colour, ethnic or ethno-religious background, descent or nationality, previous marital status, disability, age, etc.

### CAN I GET MARRIED BY YOUR MINISTER?

Yes.

Our Minister, Rev Ben Gilmour, is available to perform your ceremony. Ben can guide you through the process, offer pre-marriage counselling and assist with the legal paperwork.



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- Wedding Coordinator: Graeme Richardson, Venue Manager



### DO I NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITING CHURCH?

No.

You don't need to be a member of our congregation to have a ceremony at Paddington Uniting Church. You also don't need to be a practicing Christian, but you do need to be willing to be married in the Christian tradition.

### CAN OUR OWN CELEBRANT PERFORM THE CEREMONY?

Yes.

Paddington Uniting Church is an active congregation with an installed Minister of the Word.

We also welcome other celebrants to perform the ceremonies, subject to a quick conversation with Rev Gilmour.

Please note that the church is only available for weddings following Christian rites.

### IS ON-SITE PARKING AVAILABLE?

Yes!

We have a designated drop-off zone for wedding transport directly in front of the Church on Oxford Street.

In addition, our neighbouring car park offers a limited number of car spaces for your family and guests (access via Gordon Street).

Easy access to the Church is also available by both car and public transport:

- ample metered and unmetered parking is also available in streets surrounding the Church.
- Oxford Street is regularly serviced by passing taxis at most times of the day or night.
- the Church is on the main bus route to Bondi Beach. There are three bus stops within 50 metres travelling east and west along Oxford Street.

### IS THE VENUE DISABILITY FRIENDLY?

Yes. The Church is wheelchair accessible, and has a disabled toilet in the adjacent Hall.

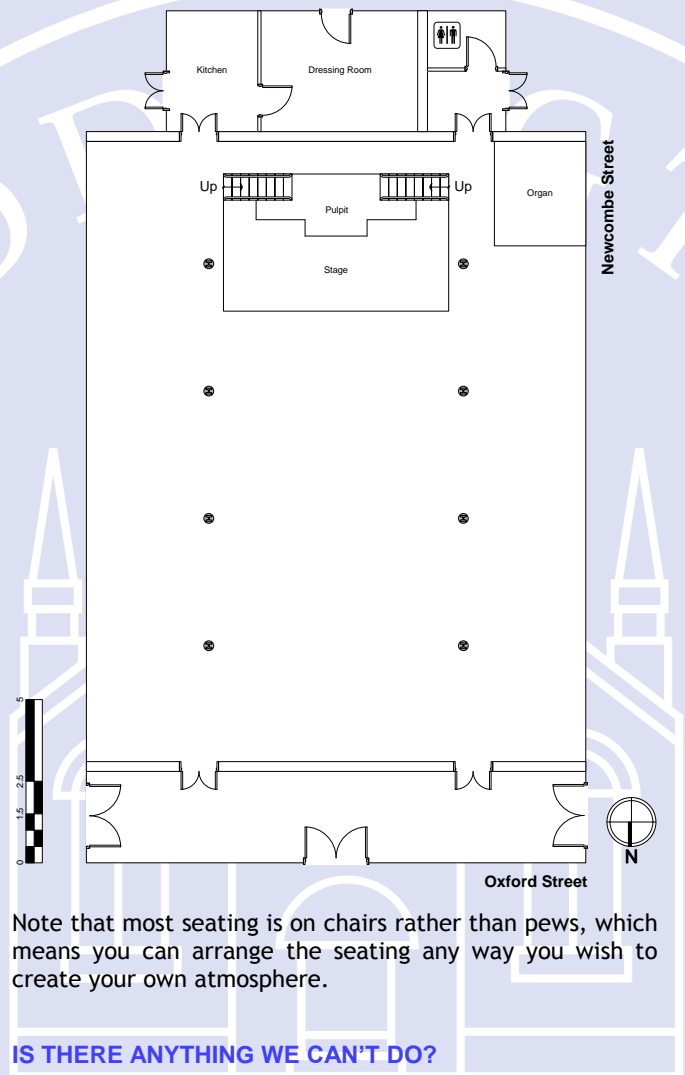
The Church also offers a hearing loop.



### WHAT OTHER ON-SITE FACILITIES DO YOU OFFER?

- 7' grand piano.
- Commercial kitchen facilities (in adjacent Hall).
- reception venue (max. 120).

### WHAT DOES THE CHURCH LAYOUT LOOK LIKE?



Note that most seating is on chairs rather than pews, which means you can arrange the seating any way you wish to create your own atmosphere.

### IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN'T DO?

- release any animals into the environment
- bring pets to the ceremony
- attach anything to the Church structure
- use rice or other grains as confetti

We are really relaxed about most requests, so feel free to ask us if there is anything that would help to make your day special.

