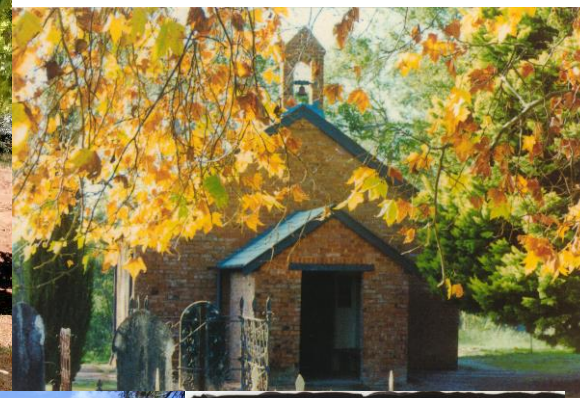


WEDDING INFORMATION BOOKLET



WELCOME

Congratulations on your upcoming nuptials! This is an exciting time in your lives and we look forward to working together with you to make this a special and memorable occasion.

This booklet should provide you with all the information you need, to help you decide which of our churches is best suitable for your wedding. If you do require any further information, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

The church assumes that one or both of you have been baptised in a mainstream religion. Your Priest will require details from your Baptism Card.

In the months leading up to your wedding, you will be sharing your hopes and dreams for your future, and may begin to explore your religious beliefs. If you are not already a practising member of the church, your Priest can help you with matters of faith, Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion.

It is anticipated that couples will endeavour to attend church at least three times before their wedding to show their intent to have a marriage based on Christian principles and also to respect the community of faith who offer their Church to you.

SERVICES

ALL SAINTS:

SUNDAY	7:30am Holy Communion
SUNDAY	6:00pm Evening Prayer (Last Sunday of the Month)
MONDAY	9:00am Silent Meditation

ST. MARY'S:

SUNDAY	10.00am Holy Communion Sunday School
TUESDAY	10:15am Silent Meditation

ANGLICAN PARISH OF SWAN

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Fax: (08) 9250 6744

Email: swanparish@swan.perth.anglican.org
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BIRTH CERTIFICATES

The Marriage Act requires that the Priest who is to perform the marriage must sight the Birth Certificates before the Marriage Ceremony takes place.

1. A Widower/Widow: the Death Certificate of the dead spouse must be sighted.
2. Divorced person(s): the Priest will need to seek permission from the Bishop to enable the wedding to proceed and will need to sight the divorced person(s) "Decree Nisi".

FINANCIAL DETAILS

No fee is charged for the pastoral ministry to the church offered by the Priest before or during the Marriage Ceremony. All the Christian Sacraments are free, for God's Grace is a sheer gift. A donation of **\$500.00** is an acceptable contribution towards: administration, paperwork, electricity, cleaner, and the gardener. The balance is placed into the maintenance fund to enable us to preserve our lovely "heritage" churches. A gratuity towards your Priest is acceptable and is at your discretion, and is to be paid directly to your Priest.

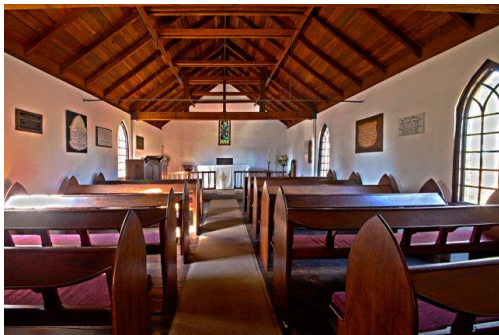
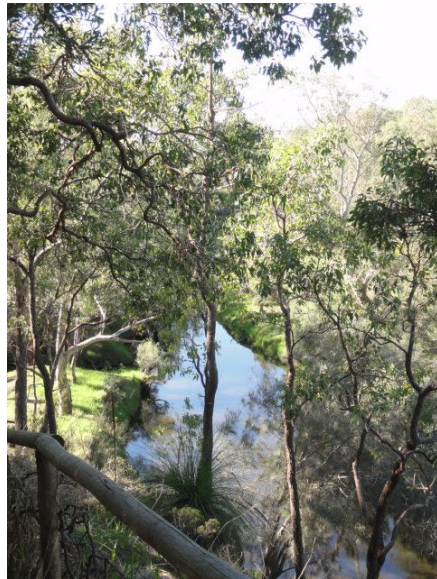
ONCE YOU HAVE CONFIRMED YOUR WEDDING, A \$200 NON REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED.

The balance of your donation (suggested amount of **\$300.00**) is to be forwarded to Parish Office **AT LEAST** four weeks prior to the wedding. Payment may be by cash, cheque (please make payable to the Anglican Parish of Swan), money order, or direct deposit (Westpac Bank, BSB 036043, Account No. 880161, please make the reference the brides surname and 'wedding').

CHURCH DETAILS

There are two churches within the boundaries of the Parish of Swan, All Saints and St. Mary's.

ALL SAINTS is located on Henry Street, Henley Brook, and is open every day of the year. You are welcome to attend Holy Communion on a Sunday at 7:30am. This church offers a more intimate, tranquil setting for a wedding. It will seat approximately 60 people comfortably. There is also an open space at the rear of the church suitable for children and disabled people.



PLEASE NOTE:

Wedding guests must REFRAIN FROM THROWING CONFETTI, RICE, AND FLOWERS. "Bubbles", doves and butterflies are permissible outside the church, away from the porch. PLEASE advise your guests of this request.

Videos are permitted only if there is a license for the Videographer. PLEASE have them check with the Priest before the ceremony.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH



The Octagon Church was replaced by St. Mary's Church, consecrated on the 10th of March 1869 by Bishop M. B. Hale, and was built in four stages, with the last stage completed in 1903. During this final stage the North and South Transepts were added which gave the church a 'cruciform' shape which was later described as a "small scale Gothic Revival, nave of pressed Flemish bond bricks, transepts pressed bricks without patterning, some lancet windows have stained glass."

On the 8th of October 1996, St. Mary's was permanently listed on the W.A. Government Register of Heritage Places, which will help to ensure that it will remain as an example of a 19th century Anglican Parish Church set in a graveyard.

CURRENT TIMES

Both All Saints and St. Mary's continue to be a living place of worship, as well as a dedicated memorial to the faithful witness of Western Australian pioneers. The Anglican Parish of Swan looks back with thanksgiving and forward with faith.

There are regular services held at both churches, which you are welcome to attend. Please see the service times on the back of this leaflet. We look forward to welcoming you to our community. If you would like any more information on the history of the Parish, the Parish Office has copies of the book *A History of Swan Parish* by H. S. Wilson for sale.

ST. MARY'S is located on Yule Avenue, Middle Swan, and is only open by appointment. If you wish to view the church on a Sunday, please feel free to join us for Holy Communion at 10.00am. Otherwise, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time to view the church. This church offers a mini-Cathedral feel for weddings. It can seat approximately 150 people comfortably. Additional seating can be arranged upon request. St. Mary's also offers two transepts which are suitable for children or disabled people. These spaces can also be used to set up a live musical group you may wish to perform at your wedding.



FLOWERS

It is the custom of this Parish that the couple provide the flowers they wish. PLEASE NOTE that NO flowers are to be placed on the ALTAR or in the BAPTISMAL FONT. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We ask that you do not use Blu-Tac, sticky tape or the like, for attaching flowers or bows at the end of the Pews – hooks can be provided for this purpose.

MUSIC

Live music is more in keeping with the historical character of our churches. You may choose and provide your own music (within reason of course) or you may wish to utilise the services of one of our resident organists (please contact the Parish Office for details). You should contact them direct and in good time to discuss your music requirements. The Priest officiating at the wedding should be notified as to what music you are having.



OCTAGON CHURCH



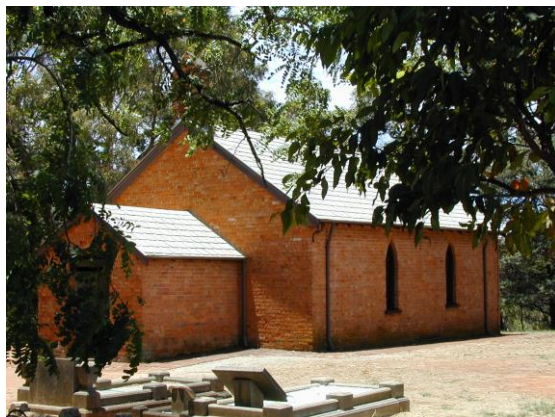
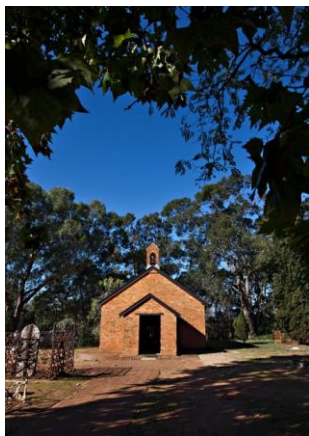
The Octagon Church was built in 1840 as a memorial to Lucy Yule (d. 1838) who was buried on the Mission Grant land at Middle Swan. The Chapel was designed by her husband, the Resident Magistrate, Mr. T. N. Yule and her father, Dr. J. C. Harris. It was officially opened on the 29th of November 1840 in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, John Hutt Esquire (who laid the foundation stone in 1839).

In November 1848, Bishop Short of Adelaide, made his first visit to the western side of his diocese. It was then that he consecrated this church. He wrote the following in his diary:

Further on we came to the property of the Colonial Church Society and called upon the missionary, Mr. Mitchell. I inspected his chapel, an octagonal building, neat and clean. It was completely filled, about 80 of the settlers having collected, though in the midst of harvest. The sun was setting with the clear, soft glow of the beautiful climate when the congregation slowly separated. I slept in the house of the excellent pastor, the Rev. W Mitchell. Simple, faithful, self-denying, he labours without enjoying any of those comforts which his age would seem to demand.

The Octagon Church began deteriorating and the first section of St. Mary's Church was built. The old church was demolished circa 1871, long gone but not forgotten. A picture can be viewed in the bottom panel of the 'Pentecost' stained glass window in the south transept of St. Mary's.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH



All Saints Church at Henley Brook is the oldest existing Anglican Church in Western Australia, being built in 1841. Its foundation stone was laid on the 31st of October 1839, with the first service conducted by Reverend William Mitchell on the 10th of January 1841. It was described as ‘a simple Gothic-style church with a beamed roof and lancet windows,’ and measured 11 metres by 8 metres. It was consecrated on the 21st of November 1848 by Bishop Short of Adelaide on his first visit to the western part of his diocese.

The church underwent minor repairs, such as replacing the original mud brick walls with clay bricks in 1860, and adding a bell turret and porch in 1870. The lychgate was erected in 1929 to commemorate the centenary of Western Australia, on the site where Captain James Stirling encamped in 1827. In 1990, electrical lighting was installed at the church, which ended the ‘candles and kerosene lamp era’ of 150 years.

The historic reminders are still present in many details on the church grounds. The original flooring shows the marks of the cross cut saw that was used to pit saw the timbers used in building the church. There are original beams from the church ceiling displayed in the Cloisters. The sole remaining wooden grave marker is displayed in the porch to the church, while the rest were sadly destroyed by bushfires. The travelling chest of Reverend Mitchell was presented to the church by his descendants, and is considered to be the oldest Church Record Chest in Western Australia.

CHURCH FURNITURE

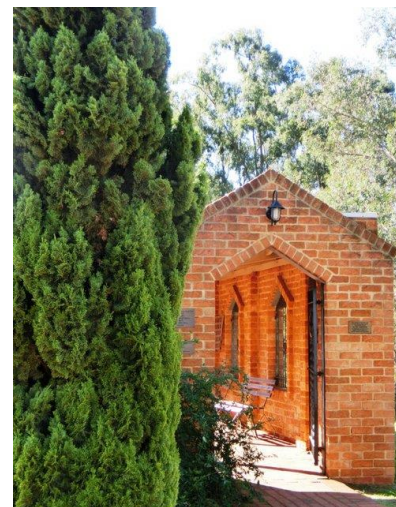
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY THE FURNITURE IN EITHER CHURCH BE MOVED

We regret this request but past experiences have forced us to make this decision, as the furniture is frail and of historical value. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. A member of the Parish will be available to assist you on your wedding day, so please feel free to direct any enquiries regarding this issue to them or the Parish Office.

RECEPTION VENUES

If you have not already decided on a venue to host your reception, there are options available at both churches.

The Cloisters at All Saints is an open-air space (with a large umbrella to provide shade) that is a relaxed informal setting to celebrate with recent marriage with your family and friends. It is equipped with a kitchen, servery, toilets and change table facilities.



The Minchin Centre at St. Mary's is a large indoor hall facility. It also has a kitchen, servery, toilets, disabled toilets and change table facilities.



Chairs and tables can be arranged at both venues at your request. The Cloisters and the Minchin Centre can be set up for a simple cocktail reception or as a gathering place for your guests before/after the ceremony. An additional fee will be payable for this.

If you would like any further details on booking or viewing either of the venues, please contact the Parish Office.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SWAN PARISH AND ITS CHURCHES

In 1827 Captain James Stirling was sent by English authorities in New South Wales to the west coast of Australia to explore and report on the "suitability of the land for colonization," and to examine the "River of the Black Swan." On the 8th of March 1827, Captain Stirling and a party of eighteen people left the naval ship "Success" in two boats at noon to cross the bar at the mouth of the river, and proceeded to row up the river.

About 11 o'clock a spot was reached whence the River takes on an eastern direction just above a considerable creek on the left. We there found insurmountable obstruction to our further progress. In fact we had reached the termination, for beyond this was the bed of a torrent, but no longer a river, nor even a continuation of water, except in a succession of distant parts. Here then on high banks we pitched out tent. The richness of the soil, the bright foliage of the shrubs, the majesty of the surrounding trees, the abrupt and red coloured banks of the river occasionally seen, and the view of the blue summit of the mountains, from which we are not far distant, make the scenery around this spot as beautiful as anything of the kind I have ever witnessed.

- 13th of March, 1827 (Captain J. Stirling's Log Entry)

In 1829, Captain Stirling was sent back to the west coast by the English Government as its first Governor and after taking up his post he refused to allow convicts to settle the Swan River saving the area for sons of English landed gentry, who bought with them a strong tradition of loyalty to the reigning monarch and faith in the established Church of England. The land on which All Saints Church stands was first settled by Major Frederick Chidley Irwin, who was a cousin to Captain Stirling. Irwin gave the acre of land upon which the Stirling party had camped, to the Anglican Church authorities.