

## Trinity Church...

*Trinity is an historic church, the only surviving church that pre-dates the earthquake in the Napier city centre. It is a significant example of Colonial NZ wooden neo-gothic church architecture. Trinity is centrally located, with the beautiful Clive Square gardens just opposite from the church.*

*Trinity was built in 1876 to be the spiritual home for Napier Methodist's, as a place of proclamation and witness to the Gospel. As part of its presence and ministry to Napier, Trinity is available for Weddings and Civil Unions (including same-sex ceremonies) for people beyond the Trinity congregation family.*



### Trinity Methodist Church—Napier

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## Weddings and Civil Unions



**Trinity Methodist Church**  
Clive Square East, Napier

[www.trinitynapier.org.nz](http://www.trinitynapier.org.nz)

## Information about ceremonies at Trinity...



**Marriage Preparation:** We highly recommend that all couples participate in a Marriage Preparation course prior to their wedding date. This is not a requirement, but does assist couples in their preparation for the vows and the marriage into which they are entering.

**Officiating Minister:** Normally the Trinity Presbyterian (minister) will be the officiating minister for Weddings and Civil Unions (our minister Rev Tony Franklin-Ross is a Civil Union Celebrant). If a couple would like to have another minister assist because of close family connections or being their home church minister, this needs to be approved with our minister. Our minister must still be involved in the planning of the ceremony to ensure it is appropriate for our community ethos, and will still be present and involved in the ceremony. It is a requirement of Trinity that the Trinity Marriage Register is signed. Because Trinity is a church, a civil celebrant would not be appropriate. It is the responsibility of the couple to arrange the Marriage/Civil Union license – but please liaise with the minister for the details to include in the application. The license should be handed to the minister at the rehearsal.

**Other locations:** The Hawke's Bay has a wide range of locations and venues also suitable for Weddings and Civil Unions. Our minister is available to officiate at ceremonies outside of the Trinity church – please discuss this with our minister.

**Service:** The Minister will liaise with the couple to develop a personalised service, including the words, readings, vows and hymns/songs used during the ceremony. We are quite flexible when it comes to activities/decorations connected with your wedding – but they must be discussed and cleared with the minister in advance.

We recommend that a rehearsal (of no more than 1 hour) be scheduled in order to prepare you and the members of the wedding party for the ceremony.

**Music:** Trinity has a unique historic pipe organ, as well as an upright piano. We prefer that our organist play the organ, if it is required. Any other organist would require consultation with the Trinity Organist. The piano may be played by other musicians; however it cannot be moved from its usual location without the permission of Trinity. Other musicians and instruments, as well as singers, are able to be part of the ceremony; please discuss details with our minister. A sound system is available for recorded music.

**Flowers:** Trinity is able to organise flowers for the church, arranged from current seasonal flowers. However people are welcome to organise their own flowers; if so we suggest at least two medium sized arrangements; and request that at least one arrangement be left in the church for the following Sunday service.

**Photography:** The couple and the words of the liturgy should be the main focus of the ceremony. As such, our minister will discuss with you some simple guidelines surrounding photography and video recording in order to ensure distractions and disruptions to the flow of the ceremony are minimized. It may be helpful for the official photographer to attend the rehearsal, or to arrange a visit of the church if they are not familiar with it.

**Confetti etc:** Confetti and rice are not to be used in the church buildings; rose petals may be used with prior permission.

**Rates:** The current guide of charges for holding a Wedding or Civil Union at Trinity are:

Church	\$200
Minister	\$150
Wedding day steward/verger	\$80 (plus \$20 if required at the rehearsal)
Organist	\$80
Flowers	\$120 (if being arranged by the church)

A deposit of \$50 payable on confirming the booking; Final payments are payable 7 days in advance of the ceremony date.

