

Same Sex Weddings at Williamstown Uniting Church -Electra St

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The issues of marriage and sexuality have been discussed in the Uniting Church since the mid 1990s. Following the Federal Government's decision to legalise same-sex marriage in late 2017, there was much interest in the discussion around marriage at the 15th Assembly of the Uniting Church held in Melbourne in July 2018.

The decisions reached at the most recent Assembly meeting must therefore be seen as part of a much longer conversation. Within the Uniting Church it has long been recognised that there is a diversity of beliefs and cultural understandings of marriage. This is reflected in the Assembly's resolution to accept two statements of belief – the traditional view that marriage is between a man and a woman, and the alternative view that marriage is between two people.

The Christian celebration of marriage is an act of worship, an expression of the church's offering of the whole of life to God. It is a pastoral occasion in which the community of faith shares in the joy of the couple. It is an evangelical occasion in which those who have come to witness the marriage may be challenged by the implications of the Christian faith.

The responsibility of whether to marry any two people who request marriage according to the rites of the Uniting Church has been given to Ministers, as has always been the case. A second responsibility – whether to allow such marriages on church property – has been given to Church Councils.

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Williamstown Uniting Church – Electra St Church Council supports the opportunity for same sex couples to have their wedding on the church property. In addition to all other requirements for weddings at the church, a wedding will be dependent on having an officiating and supportive UCA Minister in attendance. Please contact us for more information.