



COATES MEMORIAL CHURCH

WEDDINGS | FUNERALS | BAPTISMS

Information for families and celebrants

About the Church

Coates Memorial Church, located within Matakohē Cemetery, is a handsome brick building set in a peaceful and reflective environment. This non denominational church is a National Memorial to Joseph Gordon Coates (1878–1943) and is the only church in New Zealand dedicated to a politician

Types of Services We Host

Coates Memorial Church is an operational church. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms are welcomed by arrangement.

Availability and Timing

Wedding, funeral, and baptism services can be booked by arrangement and are subject to church availability. Where possible, every effort will be made to provide access to the church on the day prior to and the day after the service to allow for ease of setup and pack down.

Clergy, Celebrants and Officiants

Families may arrange their own minister or celebrant, subject to approval.

Music and Audio

The church organ is available for use. All other audio equipment must be arranged by the booking party.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available for those booking the venue.

Decorations and Flowers

Flowers are welcome. However, adhesives, nails, and candles are not permitted.

Photography and Filming

Photography and filming are permitted before and after services. Photography is not permitted within burial areas of the cemetery.

Guests and Seating

The church has seating capacity for up to 120 people. Please note that the church is not wheelchair accessible.

Parking and Access

Limited parking may be available for the wedding or funeral party vehicle. All other guests are asked to park on Church Road.

Contact and Address

Penny Weber, Coates Memorial Church Board

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Coates Memorial Church

Matakohē Cemetery

Church Road

Matakohē

Fees and Bookings

Church bookings are by donation. Donations contribute to the operating costs of the church, including power, organ servicing, internet, and cleaning.

Suggested donation rates are as follows:

- **Wedding:** \$250
- **Funeral:** \$100
- **Baptism:** \$100

Suggested donations are offered as a guide only. If cost is a barrier, any donation is appreciated.

Eftpos is available on site to make this donation, or can be made by bank transfer.

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