

WELCOME TO THE MARRIAGE OF

*Claire Louise Hardy*

*&*

*Jonathan David*

*Stephens*

Saturday 22nd July | 2023 | 1PM

St Andrews Church, Halberton, Devon



**Officiant**

*Reverend Glyn Lewry*

**Parents of the Bride**

*Pamela and Peter Hardy*

**Parents of the Groom**

*David and Louise Stephens*

**Best Man**

*Neil Mutter*

**Bridesmaids**

*Emma Horn*

*Ally Gulliver*

**Witnesses**

*David Stephens*

*Pamela Hardy*

## **THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE**

Canon in D, Pachelbel

## **THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Reverend Glyn Lewry

## **HYMN - WE PLEDGE TO ONE ANOTHER**

We pledge to one another,  
before the Lord above,  
entire and whole and perfect,  
this union of our love—  
a love that will be patient,  
a love that will be wise,  
that will not twist with envy,  
nor lose itself in lies;  
a love that will not falter,  
a love to hold us fast,  
and bind us to each other  
as long as life shall last.

We pray that God will guide us  
through all the years to be,  
our lives be shaped by courage,  
hope and serenity.

Through joy and celebration,  
through loneliness and pain,  
may loyalty, compassion  
and tenderness remain,  
that those who share the blessing  
of love that cannot cease  
may walk the paths of gentleness  
into the place of peace.

## THE DECLARATIONS

### BIBLE READING

A reading from Song of Solomon 2:10-13 & 8: 6-7,

"My beloved speaks and says to me:

Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away,  
for behold, the winter is past;  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree ripens its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my beautiful one,  
and come away."

"Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love  
all the wealth of one's house,  
it would be utterly scorned."

## THE ADDRESS

**HYMN -  
ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WORLD I GO**

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go.  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
All the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

### **READING**

#### *"Maybe"*

Maybe we are supposed to meet the wrong people before we meet the right one, so when they finally arrive we are truly grateful for the gift we have been given.

Maybe it's true that we don't know what we have lost until we lose it, but it is also true that we don't know what we're missing, until it arrives.

Maybe the happiest of people don't have the best of everything, but make the best of everything that comes their way.

Maybe the best kind of love is the kind where you sit on the sofa together, not saying a word, and walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you ever had.

Maybe once in a lifetime, you find someone who not only touches your heart but also your soul, someone who loves you for who you are and not what you could be.

Maybe the art of true love is not about finding the perfect person, but about seeing an imperfect person perfectly.

**THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY**

**PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FINAL BLESSING**

**SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT**

Fleetwood Mac 'Songbird'  
Dire Straits 'Walk of Life' & 'Romeo and Juliet'

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE  
BRIDE AND GROOM**

Queen 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love'

## Wedding Timeline

**1pm: Ceremony**

**2.30pm: Welcome drinks at Heron Farm**

**4pm: Speeches**

**4.30pm: The Wedding Breakfast**

**7pm: Evening Celebrations**

**8pm: Live Band**

**9pm: Barbeque**

**12-12.30am: Close of Play**

**A special thanks to our friends and families for all  
of your love and support.**

*Claire & Jon*

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