

THE MARRIAGE OF  
VICTORIA MARY RATHBONE  
WITH  
MATTHEW OLIVER EVANS  
MACNAIR-SMITH

ON 24th June | 2023

AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH | BELPER  
DERBYSHIRE

PROGRAMME

**THE SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE  
OF**

**Mr Matthew Oliver Evans Macnair-Smith**

with

**Dr Victoria Mary Rathbone**

on

June 24th 2023 at 14:00pm

The service is conducted by The Reverend Anne Stratton, Vicar of St Peter's  
Parish Church, Belper

**Music for the service is performed by**

Mr Ian Watts on the organ

Miss Pia Dunlop Larsson on the piano

**The bells of St Peter's will be rung at the end of the service**

**THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRIDEGROOM**

The Bridegroom accompanied by Alexander Macnair-Smith and  
Sebastian Macnair-Smith will arrive at St Peter's and walk to the Lantern

**THE ARRIVAL OF THE BRIDE**

The Bride accompanied by her father enter the church and are joined by  
the Bridesmaids and the Page

**THE INTROIT**

The Prince of Denmark's March, (commonly Trumpet Voluntary)  
Jeremiah Clarke

**THE WELCOME**

## **CARRIAGE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM**

The carriage of the Bride and Bridegroom will depart St Peter's for St Margaret's Hall, Alderwasley for the reception

"Love one another as I have loved you"  
John 15 Vs 12

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### **A HISTORY OF ST PETER'S CHURCH, BELPER**

Belper has had a place of worship since about 1250; a chapel-of-ease was built above the Butts and dedicated originally to St Thomas Becket. From that time until the early 19th century Belper was a part of Duffield Parish, and Belper folk would have walked to Duffield Parish Church for all major events. The fledgling Industrial Revolution brought about drastic changes in population centres and the mills at Belper attracted many families. Following the victory of the Duke of Wellington at the battle of Waterloo in 1815 Parliament granted £1,000,000 for the erection of new churches to be built throughout the land 'as a symbol of a nation's gratitude to Almighty God for its safe deliverance'. Belper was chosen as the location of one such church.

The plans for a new church at Belper were prepared by Mr Matthew Habershon and were displayed at the Royal Academy in London. The foundation stone was laid by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire on 31 October 1822, and the church was opened two years later. Churches built in this period are often referred to as 'Waterloo' or 'Commissioners' Churches.

The church is constructed with ashlar masonry. Dimensions: length 101 feet, breadth 56 feet, height to ceiling 30 feet. The tower is 100 feet high and 20 feet wide at its base. There are eight bells, re-hung in the 1920s.

## **WEDDING TIMETABLE**

**14:00**

The Marriage Service

**15:20**

The carriage of the Bride and Bridegroom leaves  
St Peter's for St Margaret's Hall, Alderwasley

**16:00**

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(Reception drinks and canapes)

**17:30**

The Wedding Breakfast

**18:30**

Speeches

**19:15**

Cake cutting and digestif

**20:15**

First Dance & Live band

**11:30**

Carriages