



YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED  
TO THE MARRIAGE OF

KIRSTIE FAITH HUNTER

AND

PETR JUHANAK

THE SIXTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER | 2023

CEREMONY - 12.30pm

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH | GREAT BARDFIELD  
ESSEX

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY  
REVEREND ALEXANDER SHANNON

# The Marriage Service

## Pastoral Introduction

A wedding is one of life's great moments, a time of solemn commitment as well as good wishes, feasting and joy. St John tells us how Jesus shared in such an occasion at Cana, and gave there a sign of new beginnings as he turned water into wine.

Marriage is intended by God to be a creative relationship, as his blessing enables husband and wife to love and support each other in good times and in bad, and to share in the care and upbringing of children. For Christians, marriage is also an invitation to share life together in the spirit of Jesus Christ. It is based upon a solemn, public and life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On this their wedding day the bride and bridegroom face each other, make their promises and receive God's blessing. You are witnesses of the marriage, and express your support by your presence and your prayers. Your support does not end today: the couple will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*1 Corinthians 13.4-7*

## **The Blessing**

*The Priest says:*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*The organist plays the Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream by Felix Mendelssohn as the couple process from the church.*

## **Thank You**

Thank you for gathering with us on our big day. Being in the presence of our dearest family and friends has made this pivotal moment in our lives together so memorable.

## **To The Parents**

Your love and support throughout this journey has meant the world to us. We have each grown into the unique individual we are because of your guidance and encouragement. We couldn't be more grateful and we love you so much.

Love, Kirstie & Petr