



THE MARRIAGE OF
MATTHEW LETHBRIDGE
STEPHENS
&
GEORGINA LOUISE
FIELDER

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2024
2 P M

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. MARY MAGDALENE, BOLNEY

Service conducted by
The Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Vicar of Cuckfield and Bolney

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. 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, declared, and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On this their wedding day, Matthew and Georgina 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: Matthew and Georgina 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

Please STAND

ENTRY OF THE BRIDE

“Canon in D”

Composer: Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Organ Martyn Belsey

THE WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you

All and also with you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.

1 John 4.16

**All God of wonder and of joy:
grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.**

**Send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now
with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Please REMAIN STANDING as we sing...

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace-
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Author: David Evans (b 1957)

Tune: BE STILL

Please SIT

READING

Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

Read by Coco Allingham

“If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you.”

Piglet sidled up to Pooh from behind.

“Pooh?” he whispered. “Yes, Piglet?”

“Nothing,” said Piglet, taking Pooh’s hand.

“I just wanted to be sure of you.”

“We’ll be Friends Forever, won’t we, Pooh?” asked Piglet.

“Even longer,” Pooh answered. “If ever there is a tomorrow when we’re not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we’re apart...I’ll always be with you.”

THE WEDDING PREFACE & DECLARATIONS

Will you, the families and friends of Matthew and Georgina support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All We will.

THE COLLECT

READING

“Wedding Poem” by Whitney Hanson

Read by Edward Crymble

They say that sometimes
love starts with a spark.

And that might be true,
but if I were to wish you a love,
I wouldn't wish fire for you.

You see, fire is powerful.
It burns bright and then it's gone.
It's beautiful and warm,
but it doesn't last long.

So instead of wishing you a love that burns,
I wish you a love like a river twists and turns.
It changes and it flows,
It is powerful and free.
But it consistently finds its way back to the sea.

And so like the water,
I hope your love is ever growing, ever changing.
I hope your love is powerful and free,
And may you always find each other,
Like a river finds the sea.

Please STAND to sing...

**And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold:
Bring me my arrows of desire:
Bring me my spear: O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire.
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.**

Words: William Blake (1757-1827)

Tune: JERUSALEM

Composer: Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Please SIT

BIBLE READING

“God’s Chosen Ones”

Colossians 3:12-17

Read by Jamie Richards

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

ADDRESS

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THE MARRIAGE

THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS
THE GIVING OF A RING

Please STAND

THE PROCLAMATION & THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

Please SIT

THE SIGNING OF THE MARRIAGE DOCUMENT

*The bridal party and witnesses move to the vestry for the signing of the
Marriage Document while we listen to...*

The "Flower Duet" from Lakmé
Sung by Poppy Ewence & Camilla Goldsbrough

Composer Léo Delibes (1836-1891)

THE PRAYERS & BLESSING

During the prayers, please join in at...

Lord of life and love...
All Hear our prayer

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Please STAND

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.

All Amen

THE PROCESSION

“Wedding March” in C major
from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Composer Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Organ: Martyn Belsey

The church council of St. Mary Magdalene, Bolney would be most grateful for donations towards the upkeep of this beautiful church. There is a card reader by the south door and a collection plate will also be available.

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MATTHEW & GEORGINA

04.05.2024

