



*WELCOME TO  
St Teresa's Church  
to witness the marriage of*

**JULIA  
CRIPPS**

*and*

**BENJAMIN  
HAMILTON**

*Saturday 6th July 2024  
at three o'clock in the afternoon*

## THE WEDDING ENTRANCE

Canon in D, Pachelbel  
Wedding Processional from the Sound of Music, Rodgers

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Deacon:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Deacon:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Deacon:** We have come rejoicing into the house of the Lord

For this celebration, dear brothers and sisters,

And now we stand with Julia and Ben

On the day they intend to form a home of their own.

For them this is a moment of unique importance.

So let us support them

With our affection,

With our friendship,

And with our prayers as their brothers and sisters.

Let us listen attentively with them

To the word that God speaks to us today.

Then, with holy Church,

Let us humbly pray to God the Father,

Through Christ our Lord,

For this couple, his servants,

That he lovingly accept them,

Bless them, And make them always one.

Let us pray.

Be attentive to our prayers, O Lord.

And in your kindness

Pour out your grace on these your servants, Julia and Ben,

That, coming together before your altar,

They may be confirmed in love for one another.

Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **HYMN**

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 those 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.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Song of Songs 2:8-10, 14, 16a:8:6-7a**

read by Miranda Stewart

## **HYMN**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 4: 4-9**

read by Paula Low

**Gospel Acclamation**

*(All stand.)*

**All:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Anyone who lives in love,  
Lives in God,  
And God lives in him.  
Alleluia!

**Deacon:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your Spirit.

**Deacon:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 15: 9-12**

*(All sit.)*

**Homily**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARRIAGE**  
**The Questions before the Consent**  
**The Civil Declaration of Freedom**  
**The Consent**  
**The Blessing and Exchange of Rings**

**Deacon:** My dear friends, let us now present our prayers, both for continued blessings upon Ben and Julia, and also for the needs of others in the world.

*(All stand.)*

**Bidding Prayers**

led by Margaret Cripps

**Margaret:** For Ben and Julia, now beginning their married life together, that they may have divine assistance at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children, a warm love reaching out to others, and good health until ripe old age. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Margaret:** For Ben and Julia's family and friends, who have been there to support them through the years. Bless them with God's love and peace always. We pray that God may grant them the happiness that they seek. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Margaret:** For our loved ones who have gone ahead of us, that they may enjoy perfect happiness and the fullness of eternal life. In particular, we pray for Margaret & Samuel Mullin, John Cooper-Mullin, Margaret & Tony Cripps, [ ] Hamilton, Margaret & [ ] Sutton, and Tim Sutton. May God shower them with eternal love. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Margaret:** For those who are sick, lonely, discouraged, or oppressed, that they may be strengthened by God's help and aided by their friends. Let us pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Margaret:** Let us join with Mary, Mother of the Church, as we say:

**All:** Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Deacon:** Grant us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleaseth the most, to esteem that which is most precious unto thee. Grant us with true judgement to distinguish things that differ, and above all search out and do what is well pleasing unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All:** Amen.

**Deacon:** Let us pray to the Lord for this bride and groom,  
Who come to the altar as they begin their married life,  
That they may always be bound together by love for one another.  
Holy Father, maker of the whole world,  
Who created man and woman in your own image  
And willed that their union be crowned with your blessing,  
We humbly beseech you for these servants,  
Who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Deacon:** May your abundant blessing, Lord,  
Come down upon this bride, Julia,  
And upon Ben, her companion for life,  
And may the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Set their hearts aflame from on high,  
So that, living out together the gift of Matrimony,  
They may adorn their family with children, And enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord, In sorrow may they seek you out;  
May they have the joy of your presence to assist them in their toil,  
And know that you are near to comfort them in their need;  
Let them pray to you in the holy assembly  
And bear witness to you in the world,  
And after a happy old age,  
Together with the circle of friends that surrounds them,  
May them come to the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

### **HYMN**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **The Signing of the Register**

*(to take place during the hymn)*

Witnesses: Tim Hamilton and Leonard Cripps

## **The Concluding Rites**

**Deacon:** Ben and Julia, you are now married in the eyes of God and in front of your friends and family. I now pronounce you as Husband & Wife.

Go in peace and may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** Amen.

## **WEDDING RECESSIONAL**

The Prince of Denmark's March, Clarke  
Crown Imperial, Walton



*With special thanks to our wedding party -*

### **Bridal Party**

Theresa Cripps, Maid of Honour  
Margaret Rosiello, Bridesmaid  
Mary Thompson, Junior Bridesmaid  
Julia Thompson, Flower Girl  
Michael Cripps, Pageboy  
Amelia Cripps, Flower Girl  
Fred Cripps, Flower Father

### **Best Men**

Tom Hamilton  
Alex Hamilton

### **Ushers**

Leonard Cripps  
Richard Cripps  
Guy Sutton  
William Sutton  
Charlie Sutton