

ORDER OF SERVICE



KAREN HEATHCOTE  
AND  
PETER BEARDSMORE

WELCOME YOU  
TO THE CELEBRATION OF  
THEIR MARRIAGE

15TH JUNE, 2024 AT 2.00 IN THE AFTERNOON

**PEAR TREE, PURTON, WILTSHIRE**

*The bride and groom kindly request an unplugged ceremony.  
Please turn off your phones and enjoy being fully present in this moment with us.*

## ENTRY OF THE WEDDING PARTY

### THE WELCOME

#### READING

##### *ALL I KNOW ABOUT LOVE - NEIL GAIMAN*

Read by Rebecca Ratcliffe

This is everything I have to tell you about love: nothing.  
This is everything I've learned about marriage: nothing.

Only that the world out there is complicated,  
and there are beasts in the night, and delight and pain,  
and the only thing that makes it okay, sometimes,  
is to reach out a hand in the darkness and find another hand to squeeze,  
and not to be alone.

It's not the kisses, or never just the kisses: it's what they mean.  
Somebody's got your back.  
Somebody knows your worst self and somehow doesn't want to rescue you  
or send for the army to rescue them.

It's not two broken halves becoming one.  
It's the light from a distant lighthouse bringing you both safely home  
because home is wherever you are both together.

So this is everything I have to tell you about love and marriage: nothing,  
like a book without pages or a forest without trees.

Because there are things you cannot know before you experience them.  
Because no study can prepare you for the joys or the trials.  
Because nobody else's love, nobody else's marriage, is like yours,  
and it's a road you can only learn by walking it,  
a dance you cannot be taught,  
a song that did not exist before you began, together, to sing.

And because in the darkness you will reach out a hand,  
not knowing for certain if someone else is even there.  
And your hands will meet,  
and then neither of you will ever need to be alone again.

And that's all I know about love.

## THE DECLARATIONS

## THE PROMISES

## READING

### *INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE - THE DALAI LLAMA*

Read by Laura Heathcote

- 1 - Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- 2 - When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- 3 - Follow the three Rs: Respect for self, Respect for others, and Responsibility for all your actions.
- 4 - Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
  - 5 - Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.
  - 6 - Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- 7 - When you realise you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
  - 8 - Spend some time alone every day.
  - 9 - Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
  - 10 - Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- 11 - Live a good, honourable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
- 12 - In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
  - 13 - Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
  - 14 - Be gentle with the earth.
  - 15 - Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
- 16 - Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
  - 17 - Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
  - 18 - Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

## EXCHANGE OF RINGS

## HAND TYING

## THE CLOSING WORDS

