



ORDER OF SERVICE

*Zoë Lawrence*

AND

*Paul Meredith*

Saturday, 1st June 2024

St Michael and All Angels Church  
BEACONSFIELD

## **Entrance of the Bride**

### **The Welcome**

The Revd. Sharon Roberts

### **Hymn**

Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,  
come on a day when happiness sings!  
Come rain or sun, come winter or summer,  
celebrate love and all that it brings.

Thanks for the love that holds us together –  
parent and child, and lover and friend:  
thanks to the God whose love is our centre,  
source of compassion, knowing no end.

Love is the gift, and love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that makes the day shine,  
love forgets self to care for the other,  
love changes life from water to wine.

Come to this wedding, asking a blessing,  
for all the years that living will prove;  
health of the body, health of the spirit,  
Zoe and Paul we offer our love.

Shirley Erena Murray (b 1931)

## Readings

**Soul Mates**- Charlotte Freeman

Read by Laura Essam

**1 Corinthians 13, verses 4-7**

Read by Nicholas Jordan

## The Address

### Hymn

The gift of love is a powerful thing,  
Blessed and worn in a golden ring,  
The vows are the binding of our lives,  
words for all that the heart believes.

*Love, faith and hope are free  
to all who live abundantly,  
So lead us, Lord, wherever we may be  
in the dance of life for eternity*

The gift of faith is the gift of care,  
The words that say, "I will always be there."  
For better, for worse, in joy and pain,  
faith brings love to life again.

(refrain)

The gift of hope is a burning fire,  
a guide we can follow that will never ever tire,  
A lamp to guide us in the darkest night,  
and show us the path that leads to light.

(refrain)

Ally Barrett

## **The Marriage**

### **The signing of the Marriage Document**

Nina Simone- My Baby Just Cares for Me

### **Prayers**

The response to "Lord of life and love" is "**hear our prayer**"

#### **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.**

### **Blessing**

#### **As the Bride and Groom leave**

Wedding March - Felix Mendelssohn