



ORDER OF SERVICE

YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED  
TO THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF

MICHAEL IAN GOULD

&

CHRISTELLA SOPHIA ANDREOU

29-06-2024

2:00PM

ALL SAINTS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
CAMDEN STREET | LONDON | NW1 0JA

PRIEST : FATHER GEORGE ZAFEIRAKOS

# **The Wedding Service**

Civil Wedding

Religious Wedding Service

**The religious wedding service comprises of two parts:**

## ***The Betrothal Service***

During the betrothal service the wedding rings are blessed by the Priest who then places the rings on the fourth finger of the hand of the Bride and Groom.

The Best Man then exchanges the rings with the Maid Of Honour three times, taking the Bride's ring and placing it on the Groom's finger and vice versa.

The rings are the symbol of betrothal from the most ancient times and the exchange of the rings symbolises the unbreakable bond of Christian marriage.

The exchange signifies that, in married life the weaknesses of one partner will be compensated for by the strength of the other, and the imperfections of one by the perfections of the other.

By themselves, the newly betrothed are incomplete but together they are made whole.

## **The Marriage Service**

The Priest reads three prayers

### The Joining of the Right Hands

The couples right hands are joined together by the Priest and are kept joined throughout the service to symbolise their union by God.

### The Crowning

The Groom and Bride are crowned King and Queen of their own little kingdom, the home. The wreaths are tied together with ribbon symbolising that the two are now one. The crowning is followed by the reading of St Paul's Epistle to Ephesians (5:20-33) and St John's Gospel (2:1-12).

The couple will then drink from the 'Common Cup' which serves to impress upon them that, from that moment on, they will share everything in life; their joys will be doubled and their sorrows halved because they are shared.

### The Ceremonial Walk

The marriage blessing is complete when the newlyweds turn towards the congregation and, holding hands, they walk slowly from the church led by the Priest.

**MAIDS OF HONOUR**

Stephanie Stamatiou

Lydia Gamalliere

**BEST MEN**

Alexander Gould

Anthony Jennings

Fraser Smyth

**BRIDESMAIDS**

Athena Andreou

Amelia Goodfield

Despina Eldridge

Kathryn Ellis

Amelia Roberston

Marianne Vella

**USHERS**

Joe Moriarty

Jamie Chegwin

Tom Giles

Christopher Broome

**WITNESS**

Anthony Stamatiou