


*Order of Service*  
*for the wedding ceremony of*



*RICHARD SMITH*  
*and*  
*HELEN CAUSLEY*  
*10th August 2024*

*St Mary's Church, Appleton Wiske*  
*Conducted by The Venerable Simon Golding*

*Thank you so much for being here on our special day.*

## **Pastoral Introduction**

*A wedding is one of life's greatest 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 blessings enables Richard and Helen to love and support each other in good times and in bad and to share in the care and upbringing of children. 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 lifelong covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses. On their wedding day, Richard and Helen 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: Richard and Helen will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.*

*"In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours.  
In all the world, there is no love for you like mine."*

**Maya Angelou**

*“Once upon a time, I became yours and you became mine  
And we’ll stay together through the tears and the laughter  
because that’s what they call happily ever after.”*

**Kathy R Jeffords**



**HEAD BRIDESMAID**

*Kate Eksteen*

**BEST MAN**

*Robert Johnson*

**BRIDESMAIDS**

*Sharon Redgard*

*Lorna Hazelwood*

**USHERS**

*Philip Leon*

*Mark Constantine*

**WITNESSES**

*Paul Smith*

*Michael Causley*