WELCOME TO THE WEDDING OF



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

St. Andrews Church, Tangmere | CHICHESTER

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"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

Albert Einstein

A wedding is one of life's great 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 blessing enables husband and wife 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 life-long covenant between a man and a woman, declared and celebrated in the presence of God and before witnesses.

On this their wedding day Lauren and Jonathon 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:
Lauren and Jonathon will value your continued
encouragement
and prayers in the time ahead of them.

HYMM

I danced in the morning I danced on the Sabbath

when the world was begun, and I cured the lame:

And I danced in the moon The holy people said it was a

and the stars and the sun, shame.

And I came down from heaven They whipped and they stripped

and I danced on the earth, and they hung me high,

At Bethlehem I had my birth. And they left me there

on a cross to die.

Dance then, whoever you may be I danced on a Friday

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. when the sky turned black;

And I'll lead you all, It's hard to dance

wherever you may be with the devil on your back.

And I'll lead you all in the dance, They buried my body

said he. and they thought I'd gone;

But I am the dance and I still go on.

I danced for the scribe

and the Pharisee, They cut me down,

But they would not dance but I leapt up high;

and they wouldn't follow me; I am the life that will

I danced for the fishermen, never, never die;

for James and John; I'll live in you if you live in me.

They came with me I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

and the dance went on.

BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you and all those whom you love now and forever. **Amen**.