

ORDER OF SERVICE  
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

EMILY  
ELIZABETH  
CORVO

&

SCOTT  
PRYOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

THREE O'CLOCK

ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON

## **Welcome to St. Mary's Church**

St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon boasts a rich history dating back to the Domesday Book of 1086, where it is simply recorded as "there is a church." This initial structure was likely a modest wooden building, reflecting the small population of Wimbledon at the time.

The church underwent significant renovations from the late 13th century through the Victorian era to accommodate Wimbledon's growing community.

During restoration work in the 1860s, medieval rafters were discovered in the chancel roof. These rafters, painted with a distinctive chevron design, were likely part of the original 13th-century church.

The oldest memorial is an undated tablet low down in the north wall of the chancel dedicated to Philip and Margaret Lewston. It was inserted some time after 1537. Other notable memorials include William Wilberforce, philanthropist and slave trade abolitionist, Sir Joseph William Bazalgette, the engineer of Putney Bridge and the London sewage system, and Kathleen (Kitty) and Leslie Godfree, Wimbledon champions winning the ladies' singles, the mixed doubles, and gentlemen's doubles.

The beautiful embroidered kneelers, all 350 of them, were the work of parishioners in the late 1980's. Look for a special kneeler made to commemorate the visit of Pope John Paul II to Wimbledon in 1982.

The pews date from the rebuilding in the 1840's. Richard Milward writes that they are described as 'the most uncomfortable pews in the whole of Christendom'! Soon, there will be an addition of a Womble gargoyle depicting Tobermory on the South West Elevation,

**Hymn:  
Jerusalem – Parry**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Wedding March – Mendelssohn**

**Maid of Honour**

Julia Corvo

**Best Man**

Edward Taylor

**Bridesmaid**

Anna Di Stefano

**Ushers**

George Lynch-Staunton

Patrick Selfe

Jamie Pollard-Jones

**Guard of Honour**

Maj H Bartles

Maj A Walch

Maj F Burnet

Maj A Nicholson

Maj K Hatchley

Maj T Padgett

**Reverend**

The Revd Mandy Hodgson