



WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO
THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF

Shannon Kelley
&
Jonathan Hackett

SATURDAY, THE 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2023

ROTHERWICK CHURCH

The Marriage Service

Pastoral Introduction

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 the bride and bridegroom 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: the couple will value continued encouragement in the days and years ahead of them.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Introit: Songbird, by Fleetwood Mac

Welcome & Opening Prayer

The Rev'd Marion de Quidt

2. 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.

William Blake (1757-1827). Music Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Blessing

Recessional:

You Make My Dreams by Hall and Oates

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the church parish of Heckfield, Mattingley and Rotherwick. We so want to keep our churches open, and it costs us at least £2,000 per week. If you are able, please do give generously.

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With Special Thanks To

Parents of the Bride

Phil Kelley
Linda Kelley

Parents of the Groom

Peter Hackett
Myriam Hackett

Best Man

Liam Wood

Bridesmaids

Victoria Broadhurst
Claire Cumner
Eleanor Dargavel-Taylor
Elizabeth Gaultney

Groomsmen

Aman Chumber
Jack Parsons
Nathan Salmon