

*ORDER OF SERVICE*



ALASTAIR HAND  
&  
AMY BELLEHEWE  
16.12.2023

*St matthew's church Borstal*

**THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE  
THE WELCOME  
HYMN: Hark the herald angels sing**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Immanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"**

## **THE DECLARATIONS**

### **Readings**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9 read by Grace Bellehewe**

**The wedding prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson with an addendum by sister Monica Joan  
read by Sarah Wilson**

### **Sermon**

**The Reverend Dr Joel Love**

**Hymn:we three kings**

**We three kings of orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain more and mountain  
Following yonder star**

**O star of wonder, star of night  
Star with Royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light.  
Born a king on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign  
O star of wonder**

**Frankincense to offer have I ;  
Incense owns a deity nigh:  
Prayer and praising , all men raising ,  
Worship him, God most high.  
O star of wonder**

**Myrrh is mine it's bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb .  
O star of wonder**

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice,  
Heaven sings 'Alleluia'  
'Alleluia' the earth replies  
O star of wonder**

## **The marriage ceremony**

**Signing of the Registers**

**Music by Miss holiday swing**

**Prayers**

**Prayers are offered for the couple and for their marriage.**

**We conclude our prayers by saying the Lord's Prayer.**

**Hymn: O come all ye faithful**

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!**

**O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem Come and behold Him, Born the King of**

**Angels:**

**O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him**

**Christ the Lord!**

**God of God, Light of Light Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb**

**Very God**

**Begotten, not created**

**O come, let us adore Him**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God**

**In the highest**

**O come, let us adore Him**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born that happy morning**

**Jesus, to Thee be glory given;**

**Word of the Father**

**Now in flesh appearing:**

**O come, let us adore Him**

**The Blessing**

**The Exit of Alastair and Amy**