

WELCOME

TO THE MARRIAGE OF

*Adam Clements*

AND

*Alicia Charlotte Cowley*

12PM | FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ST MARY & ST LAURENCE CHURCH, BOLSOVER

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 Alicia and Adam 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: Alicia and Adam 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. Love never ends.*

**1 Corinthians 13.4-7**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
And let there be light!**

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By your blood I may enter your brightness:  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness –  
Shine on me, shine on me!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory:  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story –  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### **THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE**

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: AMEN**

**MR & MRS CLEMENTS LEAVE THE CHURCH**

## **THE WEDDING PARTY**

### **MAID OF HONOUR**

Jessica Cowley  
Jade Bytheway

### **BEST MEN**

Scott Smith  
Tom Clothier

### **BRIDESMAIDS**

Lucy Atkinson  
Jo Smith

### **FLOWER GIRLS**

Amelia Clements  
Libby Clements

### **PAGE BOYS**

Coby Clements  
Roman Cartledge

**We thank you all so much for being a part of our special day and look forward to celebrating with you.**

With lots of love,  
*Adam & Alicia*