

Order of Service

*The Wedding Ceremony of*

**Rachel Hanley  
&  
Connor McGilligan**

30.11.2024

The Wool Tower, Broughshane, Co. Antrim

# Thank you for joining with us today & welcome to the Wool Tower

The Wool Tower was a working mill known as Raceview Mill & opened in 1806, operating for over 150 years before closing its doors.

In the last decade it has been repurposed into the charming venue you see today. Through its restoration, many of the original features have been preserved, from the exposed brickwork to the original machinery dotted around. You can still see glimpses of the lives of those who worked in the mill, including paint on the floor upstairs that marks out a football pitch that workers played on in their free time.

The foliage that adorns the room around you has been taken from the grounds of the venue & furniture such as the long table upstairs was made using wood from a tree that had fallen nearby. This connection to the past & commitment to renewal is valued deeply by Rachel & Connor.

Our location close to Slemish Mountain speaks to the connection this area has to Ireland's spiritual past & is one of the most iconic views of the Bann Valley between the Sperrins & Causwey Coast. Links to Irish culture & history will be present in moments throughout the day.

The beautiful Harp music you will hear during the ceremony will be played on a copy of the famous Downhill Harp, which now resides at the home of Guinness on St. James Gate, Dublin. The original was built in 1702 & found its way to famed harpist Donnchadh Ó hAmhsaigh from the townland of Magilligan, who played on it from around the age of 18, right up until his death at over 100 years old.

The ceremony is one of friendship, hope & joy. We are incredibly happy & thankful you could join with us to share it.

## Opening Words

### *Entrance of the Bridal Party*

*Brigid Cruise, 1st Air, performed by Aoidheann Deolin*

### *Entrance of the Bride & her Father*

*Eileanóir Plunkett, performed by Aoidheann Deolin*

## The Address

### *First Reading*

*Paths & Journeys, by Thomas Hardy, read by Sam Rowntree*

## Our Story

### *Musical Interlude*

*Fáinne Geal An Lae, performed by Déaglán Ó Doibhlin*

### *Second Reading*

*To Love is not to Possess, by James Kavanaugh, read by Brenda Cassidy*

## The Vows

## Exchanging of Rings

## Signing of the Wedding Registry

*Raglan Road, performed by Déaglán Ó Doibhlin*

## Handfasting Ritual

## Closing Words

## Departure of the Bride & Groom

*Carolan's Concerto, performed by Aoidheann & Déaglán*

# With special thanks to

Bridal Party

*Oliver McKean, Stephanie Jackson & Jennifer Hanley*

Best Man

*Conor Griffin*

Flower Girls

*Lottie Hooper, Robyn Hanley, Bríd Ní Dhoibhlin,  
Méabh Ferris & Phoebe Hackett*

Parents of the Bride

*Anne Hanley & Julian Hanley*

Parents of the Groom

*Noleen McGilligan & Damian McGilligan*

Readers

*Sam Rowntree & Brenda Cassidy*

Music

*Aoidheann Devlin & Déaglán Ó Doibhlin*

Celebrant

*Claire O'Neill*

*Rachel & Connor*

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