

# THE ENTRY OF THE BRIDE REGISTRAR'S WELCOME

# THE FIRST READING 'Union' by Robert Fulghum

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this point of commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From the moment of 'yes' to this moment of 'yes', indeed, you have been making promises and agreements in an informal way.

All those conversations that were held driving in a car or over a meal or during long walks; all those sentences that began with, "When we're married" and continued with "I will and you will and we will"; those late night talks that included "someday" and "somehow" and "maybe"; and all those promises which are unspoken matters of the heart.

All the common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding. The symbolic vows which you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, "You know all those things we've promised and hoped and dreamed – well, I meant it all, every word."

Look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another — friend, confidante, lover, and even teacher, for you have learned much from one another. Now you will say a few words which will take you across a threshold of life, and things will never be quite the same between you again.

For after these vows, you will say to the world, this is my husband; this is my wife.

### THE DECLARATIONS

### THE EXCHANGE OF VOWS

## THE SECOND READING 'You can give without loving' by Victor Hugo

THE RING EXCHANGE

THE THIRD READING

'In marriage' (Anon)

THE PRONOUNCEMENT

THE REGISTRATION OF THE MARRIAGE

THE DEPARTURE OF THE BRIDE AND GROOM

MAID OF HONOUR

Anupama Balan

BEST MAN

Michael Reynolds

#### 14-12-2024

#### WEDDING DAY PROGRAMME

- 3.30 pm Welcome to Madingley Hall the day begins with a warm welcome to our cherished guests
  - 4.00 pm Ceremony in the Saloon the couple exchange heartfelt vows, promising a lifetime of love
- 4.30 pm Drinks and Canapés The guests are invited to join the newly married couple for a drinks reception in the Gallery
- 5.30 pm Party and Feast Let the celebration continue, as we transition into the Saloon for the wedding breakfast
  - 6.30 pm Toast to Happiness Share your best wishes and toast to the happiness of the newly married couple
- 8.30 pm Cake Cutting and Evening Buffet To be served in the Gallery