

GETTING MARRIED

at

ST CLEMENT'S PARISH CHURCH

or

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Getting married is a wonderful experience and of course a life-changing one. It involves making solemn promises (vows) that you will love one another and look after each other for the rest of your lives. We welcome those vows being taken in church and will do all that we can to make your day a truly wonderful one.

Please read through the details in this booklet, which describe the steps you need to think about

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Legal Matters

There are two ways of getting married in St Clement: by the publication of banns of marriage ('Banns') or by licence.

Marriage by Banns

In order for you to be married by Banns:

1. one of you must live in the Parish of St Clement;
2. you must both be British nationals and over the age of 18 at the time of your wedding;
3. your wedding must take place in the Parish Church on a weekday (e.g. a Saturday) between the hours of 6am and 6pm.

If one of you does not live in St Clement you will need to contact the minister of your home parish in order to arrange for Banns to be published there as well. The Rector of St Clement will need sight of the certificate of Banns signed by that minister before you can be married.

The Banns are normally published (read) in St Clement's Parish Church during the 10.30am service on the first three Sundays of the month preceding the wedding month. We do hope you can be present to hear your Banns being read.

Marriage by licence

If you do not fulfil the conditions for a marriage by Banns, for example:

1. if neither of you lives in St Clement;
2. if one of you is under the age of 18 at the time of your marriage;
3. if one of you is not British;
4. if you want to be married in St Nicholas Church or any other place in the parish which is not licensed for weddings;
5. you want to be married on a Sunday or on weekday before 6am or after 6pm

you will need to apply for a licence from the Dean of Jersey. There are two forms of the licence. The first (known as a *dispense ordinaire*) is usually given when one of you has a significant connection with the parish. The second

(known as a *dispense extraordinaire*) applies if one of you is a foreign national, you want to be married before 6am or after 6pm or you want to be married in St Clement but somewhere other than in the Parish Church.

In order to obtain a licence, both of you must arrange to meet the Dean (or one of the two Vice Deans) at least three months before the date of your marriage. You will need to take along your passports, birth certificates evidence of your place of residence (for example, a utility bill). You will be required to take an oath stating that there is no legal impediment to your marriage. A fee is payable when a licence is issued. The Dean's contact details are overleaf:

The Very Revd Mike Keirle
The Deanery
David Place
St Helier
Jersey JE2 4TE

Telephone: 01534 720001

email: dean@jerseydeanery.je

Documentation

We will ask you to fill in an application form which will allow us to complete:

1. the Marriage Registers (the church's own records);
2. the Marriage Return (which will be sent to the Superintendent Registrar);
3. your Marriage Certificate (which will be given to you at the end of the service)

It is therefore important that the application form is complete and accurate. The Rector will also need to see your birth certificates and passports for verification purposes.

At the end of the service you will need to sign the two Marriage Registers, the Marriage Return and your Marriage Certificate. The Bride and the Groom should both sign using their normal signatures. If the Bride was married before, she should sign using whatever name she was accustomed to using prior to the wedding.

Your signatures must be witnessed by two witnesses. Witnesses can be anyone you choose but they must both be over the age of 18. Witnesses must both sign and write their names for identification purposes.

Remarriage

Remarriage after divorce is possible in certain circumstances but it is at the discretion of the Rector. It is therefore essential that you arrange to meet him before making any plans. The Rector will need to see your 'Decree Absolute'.

Changing a Jersey passport prior to your wedding

If as a bride-to-be you want to travel after your wedding under your new name, you can change your passport up to three months before you get married (although you won't be able to use it until your wedding day). You will need to complete a passport application form (Form PD2) which is available from any parish hall or post office, or from the Passport Office itself:

The Passport Office
Maritime House
La Route du Port Elizabeth
St Helier
Jersey JE1 1JD

Phone 01534 448033
Fax 01534 448071
Email passports@gov.je

Opening hours Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

The Order of Service

Orders of Service serve two purposes: to help guide the congregation through the ceremony and to be a memento of a very special occasion. In our experience they can range from the short and simple to the artistic and very elaborate. We have included examples of both at the back of this booklet to help you design an Order of Service that is appropriate for you. Here is some advice on your Order of Service:

- it will need to contain all words that the congregation are to say or sing
- do make sure the print is large, dark and clear enough so that it can be easily read by people of all ages
- make sure that you have agreed the pattern and content of the service with the Rector and confirmed your chosen music and hymns with the organist or any musicians and choir. The Rector is always happy to proof read it to ensure there are no mistakes!
- make sure that you have seen the final draft before going to print
- make sure that you have printed sufficient numbers, particularly if you have asked a choir to sing at your wedding. The Rector and organist will also need copies.

The service itself will contain the following elements:

- the processional (the arrival of the Bride)
- opening prayer
- hymn (optional)
- introduction to the marriage
- declarations (made by the Bride and Groom)
- the wedding collect (a short prayer)
- reading(s)
- address
- hymn (optional)
- the vows
- the giving of rings
- The proclamation
- The blessing of the marriage
- hymn (optional)
- prayers
- the signing of the Registers
- the recessional (the departure of the bride)

There is considerable flexibility in the choice of readings, music and prayers. The following pages contain information and ideas which we hope will help you choose what will be appropriate for you, your family and friends in order that the ceremony might be a truly memorable event.

Suggested Bible readings

Here are a number of tried and tested passages that you may wish to consider for your Bible reading(s):

- Genesis 1:26-28, 31 (male and female he created them)
- Genesis 24:48-51, 58-67 (Rebekah became his wife; and he loved her)
- Psalm 84:1-12 (no good thing does the Lord withhold)
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (two are better than one)
- Song of Solomon 2:8-17 (my beloved is mine and I am his)
- Matthew's Gospel 7:21, 24-27 (a wise man who built his house upon the rock)
- John's Gospel 2:1-11 (Jesus also was invited to the marriage)
- John's Gospel 15:1-12 (abide in my love)
- John's Gospel 15:12-17 (love one another as I have loved you)
- Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 (let love be genuine)
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a (love never ends)
- Ephesians 3:14-21 (rooted and grounded in love)
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (walk in love as Christ loved us)
- Colossians 3:12-17 (put on love, which binds everything together)
- 1 John 3:16-24 (let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth)
- Revelation 19:1, 5-9 (those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb)

You are free to choose use any Bible translation in common use, such as:

- The New International Version (modern language)
- The New Revised Standard Version (modern language)
- The King James Version (traditional language)
- The Message (contemporary language)

Many couples also like to include a sacred or secular reading or poem in addition to a Bible reading. We have produced a short booklet if you would like some suggestions. Please ask the Rector for a copy. It is important that

you discuss your choice of readings with the Rector to ensure that they are suitable to be included in the service.

Music for your wedding

Music plays a very important part in your wedding: it can set the mood, recall significant memories and help your guests to pray. You will need to choose:

- the 'Processional' — for when the Bride makes her entrance
- two or three congregational hymns
- music or singing to entertain your guests while the Registers are being signed
- The 'Recessional' — for when you leave the church as husband and wife

Please advise us in good time if you would like us to book an organist for your wedding. The fee is by arrangement. You could ask a talented friend or relation to sing or play an instrument during the service, or perhaps engage a choir or musician. Here are some suggestions for groups:

The Amity Singers

The Amity Singers is a small chamber choir of around 16-20 members, founded by John Farnon to sing unaccompanied early music. Its repertoire has expanded to include spirituals, folk songs, light jazzy numbers and some challenging modern music singing mainly unaccompanied. Contact Elizabeth (Libby) Farnon on 01534 482383

Cantabile

The Cantabile Ensemble is a mixed choir of 16-24 voices formed at the end of 2004. Specialising in 'Church Music' the choir operates on a freelance basis and is regularly invited to give concerts and sing for special services in local churches and at other notable events in the island. Its repertoire includes music from the Renaissance to the present day, including specially commissioned music. The choir has sung in churches and cathedrals in both England and France. Contact Fred Benest on 01534 863826 or frederick.benest@gmail.com

Les Conteurs

Les Conteurs Singers was born in 1975 out of the Le Conte family's success in the family singing class of the Jersey Eisteddfod. Over the years friends and family have joined in, creating a popular mixed-voice choir. The 29 members who currently sing with the choir help raise thousands of pounds every year for charity, with a wide variety of sacred and secular music. They are perhaps best known for their annual Christmas Concerts at St Saviour's Parish Hall, which for many islanders signals the start of the Christmas. Contact Annette Blanchet on 01534 887872.

The Harmony Men

Jersey's premier male voice choir! Email Peter Le Gresley the Honorary Secretary at theharmonymen@gmail.com. The usual cost is around £500.

The Songsmiths

The Songsmiths is a small group with a varied repertoire but they particularly enjoy singing arrangements of popular modern classics and songs from the shows. Most of their concerts are for local charities but they do also sing at weddings. Contact Brian Bullock on 01534 499319, brianbullock@hotmail.co.uk.

... and of individuals:

- Sharon Campbell – telephone 01534 887357, sharonjanecampbell@gmail.com
- Gitte-Maj Donoghue. Telephone 481005 gitte_maj@hotmail.com
- Adam Hawkins – guitar 07700 356667, email hawkinsadam80@gmail.com
- Cally Noel - Harp & flute. Telephone 01534 880868, email callynoel@yahoo.co.uk
- Zoltan Pallot 01534 499229 zoltan@takethis.je
- Jimmy McGovern – Bagpipes. Telephone 01534 725055

Here is a selection of some popular wedding hymns:

- All creatures of our God and King
- All people that on earth do dwell
- All things bright and beautiful

- Amazing Grace
- And did those feet in ancient time (Jerusalem)
- Christ is made the sure foundation
- Colours of day dawn into the mind
- Come down, O love divine
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- Father, hear the prayer we offer
- For the beauty of the earth
- Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
- Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- King of Glory, King of Peace
- Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
- Lord of all hopefulness
- Lord of the Dance
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- Morning has broken
- Now thank we all our God
- One more step along the world I go
- O worship the King, all glorious above
- Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
- Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him.
- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
- The King of love my shepherd is
- The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
- Thine forever, God of Love
- Through all the changing scenes of life

The Church of England website (www.churchofengland.org) has a very good section to help with choosing hymns – you can even listen to them as well!

We also have facilities to play CDs and MP3s. Please remember, however, that the favourite music you play in the car / on the beach / at a party may not feel appropriate in a church setting because of the different atmosphere. It will help you to familiarise yourself with the words that will be spoken on the day so that your choice of music fits in with the rest of the ceremony.

Please bear in mind when you are choosing music for the signing of the Registers that this part of the ceremony usually takes around 10 minutes, or more if your photographer gets carried away! The organist will be more than happy to play during the signing, or to supplement any live or recorded music that you have chosen.

Flowers

Flowers can transform the church and significantly enhance your special day. You or your chosen florist will need to contact us for advice about the opening times of the church and about the location of floral decorations. The plan of the church on the next page shows the most usual places for the placement of flowers.

For a simple but effective approach, arrangements can be placed immediately in front of the congregation on the granite niche to the left and the pedestal to the right (1), and also on the pedestal to the left of the altar (2). A more elaborate approach could involve a combination of swags on the granite pillars in the crossing (3), an arrangement on the font (4), a decorated doorway (5), and flowers on the ends of each of the pews (6)¹. The sky is the limit! We do have a variety of vases if you are providing your own flowers.

You might like to consider engaging the award-winning *St Clement's Flower Club* to decorate the Church for you. Contact Mrs Brenda Le Moignan at Headley, La Rue des Vignes St Peter JE3 7BE, telephone 01534 874745, email beejay8@hotmail.com. Alternatively, there is Gloria Roscquet's *St Clement's Junior Flower Club*. Not only are they well used to working in and around the church but Gloria is also helping to grow the next generation of flower arrangers in the parish! She can be contacted on 01534 855109.

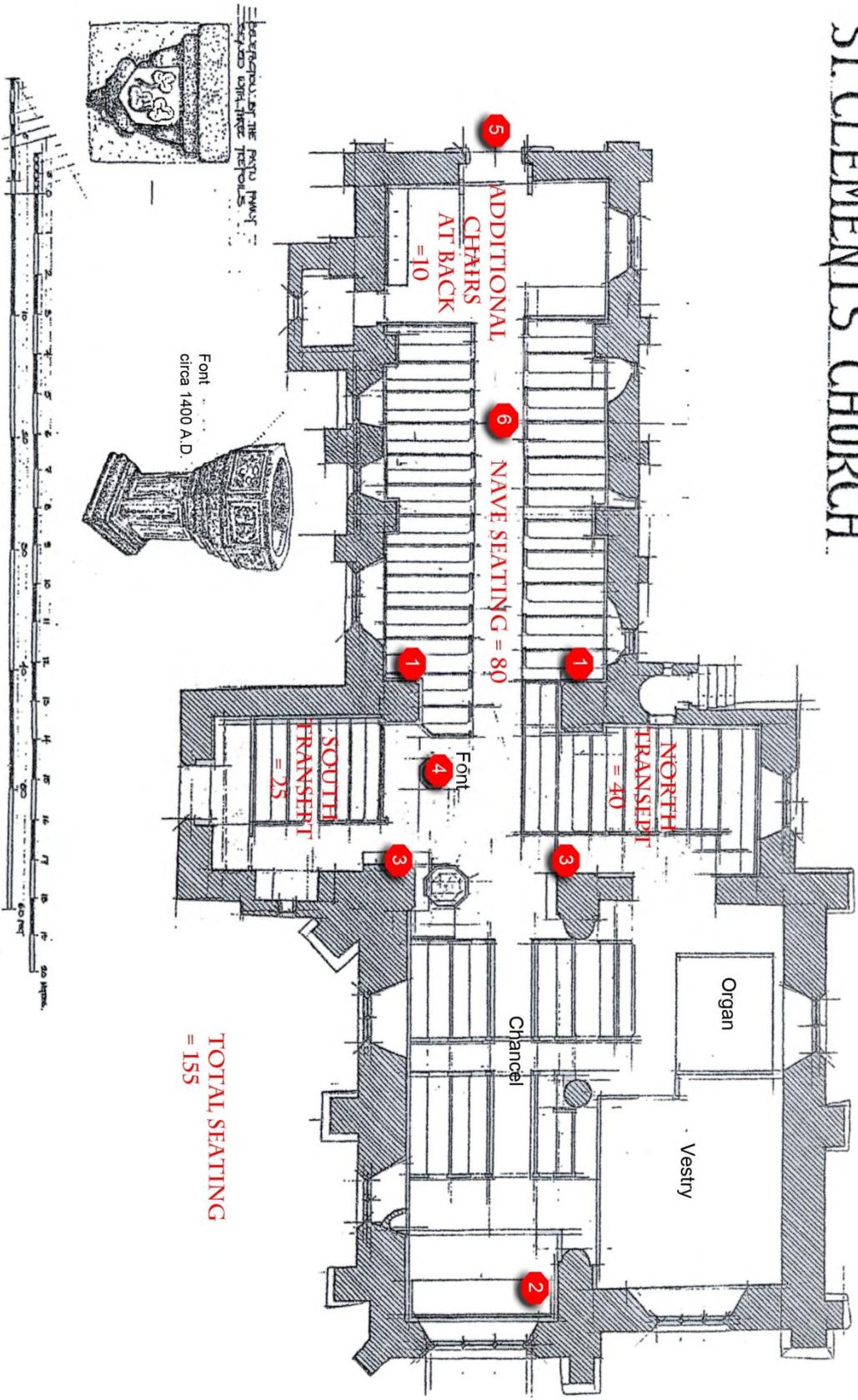
Please discuss the removal of your floral decorations with the Rector. This should normally happen during the week following your service.

¹ There are 26 pew ends in the nave; five in the north transept, seven in the south transept; and 14 in the choir stalls.

Church seating

St Clement can accommodate around 150 guests comfortably. Please see the plan on the next page for further details. St Nicholas is a smaller, more intimate space and can hold a maximum of 75-80 guests.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH



Photography

Photography will help you to remember your wedding and the commitment you have both undertaken, and it will enable those of your family and friends who were not able to be there to feel a part of your special day. We hope that the following guidelines will help it go well:

- if you have not engaged a professional photographer you should nominate a single person as your 'official' photographer
- photographers should carry about their duties as quietly and unobtrusively as possible, without causing any distraction to you, your friends and family or the minister who is taking the service
- we do not allow flash photography during the service because it can be very distracting to all involved. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this restriction
- the church is required to have a licence for video recording in a public place. If your official photographer or any of your guests will be videoing the ceremony, there will be a small charge to help cover the cost of our licence
- your video cameraman should contact the Rector in advance of the service to discuss any additional lighting that may be needed
- your photographer or video cameraman should attend the rehearsal if they are unfamiliar with the church

Fees

The ceremony is likely to be the least expensive part of your wedding day! The fees applicable depend on whether or not you live in the parish: please check with the Rector.

The wedding rehearsal

We will arrange a rehearsal to take place in the days before your wedding. This allows a complete 'walk-through' of the service, to set your minds at ease

about how everything will go and to ensure that all the necessary details have been covered.

It is helpful for the following people to attend:

- The bride and groom (naturally enough!)
- The bride's father (if he is 'giving her away')
- The Best Man
- The Senior Bridesmaid
- The usher(s)
- Anyone who is reading (so they can get a feel for the space and where they will be standing)
- The photographer (if they have never been to St Clement's Church before)

Parking

St Clement

There is parking in the grounds of the church (through the main gates) and in front of the Caldwell Hall, which is adjacent to the church. The Church is located on a busy stretch of road that is not suited for parking large numbers of cars. If you do have a large number of guests, you might consider the hiring a minibus or coach to make transport easier for them.

Please let your guests know about the car parks and parking / transport arrangements in advance of your wedding day. Please will you also ensure that official cars do not park outside the church gate at this will obstruct the traffic. They can of course stop briefly for the wedding party to alight and later to collect the wedding party to take them on to the next part of your day.

St Nicholas

There is plenty of parking in front of St Nicholas church, which is located on La Grande Route de la Côte (St Clement's Coast Road) at La Mare.

We liaise with the Honorary Police who will be in attendance to ensure the safety of all road users in the area in the event of a large wedding. If this is the

case, a note of thanks from the Bride and Groom to the Honorary Police would be much appreciated!

How to contact us

The Rector

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St Clement, Jersey
JE2 6RB
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and afterwards...

After your wedding is over and your marriage has begun, do please keep in touch with us at St Clement. We have much to offer you and we are sure you have much to offer us.

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THE FOLLOWING TWO ORDERS OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED AS EXAMPLES OF THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES THAT ARE POSSIBLE. THE FIRST EXAMPLE IS A SIMPLIFIED ORDER THAT FITS ON TWO SIDES OF A4 WHILE THE SECOND IS A MORE EXTENDED VERSION. WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR IDEAS WITH YOU.

Welcome

Hymn

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

And it's from the old I travel to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.

Chorus

As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.

Chorus

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Chorus

The Marriage Ceremony

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All And also with you.

God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you, and you alone are the source of life and love. Without you, we cannot please you; without your love, our deeds are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may worship you now with thankful hearts and serve you always with willing minds; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister Will you, the families and friends of [] and [], support and uphold them in their marriage and in the years to come?

All We will

Readings

Genesis 9: 12-16

Friendship IXX, by Khalil Gibran

Hymn

Colours of day dawn into the mind
The sun has come up, the night is behind
Go down in the city, into the street
And let's give the message to the people we meet

Chorus

So light up the fire and let the flame burn
Open the door, let Jesus return
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.

Chorus

Go through the park, on into the town
The sun still shines on, it never goes down
The light of the world is risen again
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Chorus

Open your eyes, look into the sky
The darkness has come, the sun came to die
The evening draws on, the sun disappears
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

Chorus

Prayers

Short prayers, which will end as follows:

Minister Lord of live and love
All **Hear our prayer**

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Signing of the Registers

ORDER OF SERVICE



FOR THE MARRIAGE OF

[]

WITH

[]

ST CLEMENT'S PARISH CHURCH

Minister: Rev David Shaw

Organist: Paul Matthams

Choir: the Cantabile Ensemble

Choirmaster: Nicholas Freeland

Best Man: []

Bridesmaids: []

Pageboys: []

The Bride's parents: []

The Groom's parents: []

Ushers []

*Pre-wedding voluntaries: Canon in D, Pachelbel;
Air, Orchestral Suite No.3 in D Major, Bach*

The entrance of the Bride

(Wedding Processional, Rogers)

The Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: and also with you.

**God of wonder and of joy: grace comes from you,
and you alone are the source of life and love.
Without you, we cannot please you;
without your love, our deeds are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
that we may worship you now with thankful hearts
and serve you always with willing minds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

**Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's Help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
you have promised loving kindness,
hear your servants as we pray,
bless your people now before you,
turn our darkness into day.**

Hear the cry of all your people
What they ask and hope to gain;
What they gain from you, for ever
With your chosen to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honour to the Father
praise and honour to the Son
praise and honour to the Spirit
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

The Preface

The Declarations

during which the Minister says to the congregation:

Will you, the families and friends of [] and
[] support and uphold them in their
marriage now and in the years to come?

All: we will

The Collect

The Readings

First Reading

Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7 read by []

My beloved speaks and says to me:
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle dove

Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
nor can we guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

The Marriage

The Vows

The Giving of Rings

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

Prayers

Each short prayer will end:

Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayer

As our Father taught us, so we pray.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

The Registration of the Marriage

During the Signing of the Registers the Cantabile Ensemble will sing: If ye love me (Thomas Tallis) and Alleluia (William Boyce)

The Recessional

(Toccata from Symphony No.5 in F minor, Charles M. Widor)

Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who have made this day possible, especially []



*What greater thing is there for two human beings
Than to feel that they are joined for life –
To strengthen each other in all labour,
To rest on each other in all sorrow,
To minister to each other in all pain,
And to be with each other
In silent unspeakable memories*

George Eliot