

Welcome to Christ Church Portsdown



Example
showing a
Condensed
service
booklet

Please take this order of service away with you after the service, as a memento of today's happy occasion, and as a reminder to continue to support and pray for *n* and *n*

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The Marriage of

N

and

N

Date

At *Time*

Please note:

*To avoid legal issues with licences,
and to enable everyone to participate
in this special service without distraction -
NO photographs or videos
to be taken during the service
except those officially allowed.*

Please switch off all mobile phones.

*Please use as much confetti as you like,
BUT not near the church door*

*No collection is taken during this service.
But, if you wish to leave a thank you offering to God today,
then please use the plate by the door*

THANK YOU

The Dismissal

The minister says

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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Exit of the Bride and Groom

Wedding March by Mendelssohn

The Marriage Service

¶ Pastoral Introduction

This may be read by those present before the service begins.

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 the bride and bridegroom 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: the couple 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.

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

The Marriage Service

¶ Introduction

The Welcome

The minister welcomes the people

Entrance of the Bride:

Trumpet Tune by Purcell

A Hymn may be sung

Words of Hymn

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Words of Hymn

A hymn may be sung.

Prayers

Please respond to the prayers with hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who 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.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

Preface

These words or those on page 136 are used

In the presence of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we have come together

to witness the marriage of *N* and *N*,

to pray for God's blessing on them,

to share their joy

and to celebrate their love.

Marriage is a gift of God in creation

through which husband and wife may know the grace of God.

It is given

that as man and woman grow together in love and trust,

they shall be united with one another in heart, body and mind,

as Christ is united with his bride, the Church.

The gift of marriage brings husband and wife together

in the delight and tenderness of sexual union

and joyful commitment to the end of their lives.

It is given as the foundation of family life

in which children are [born and] nurtured

and in which each member of the family,

in good times and in bad,

may find strength, companionship and comfort,

and grow to maturity in love.

Marriage is a way of life made holy by God,

and blessed by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

with those celebrating a wedding at Cana in Galilee.

Marriage is a sign of unity and loyalty

which all should uphold and honour.

It enriches society and strengthens community.

No one should enter into it lightly or selfishly

but reverently and responsibly in the sight of almighty God.

N and *N* are now to enter this way of life.

They will each give their consent to the other

and make solemn vows,

and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring.

We pray with them that the Holy Spirit will guide
and strengthen them,
that they may fulfil God's purposes
for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

N and N make their declarations

The minister says to the congregation
Will you, the families and friends of N and N,
support and uphold them in their marriage
now and in the years to come?

All We will.

The Collect

Readings

At least one reading from the Bible is used.
A selection of readings is found on pages 137-149.

Sermon

The Marriage

A hymn may be sung.

The couple stand before the minister.

The Vows

N and N make their vows

The Giving of Rings

The Blessing of the Marriage

Registration of the Marriage

See Note 10 on page 134.

A hymn or psalm may be used (see pages 148-149).

Words of Hymn