

The Chapel of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire

St Paul's Cathedral



There have been churches and religious buildings on this site since Roman times, the first cathedral dedicated to St Paul being consecrated in 604 by Mellitus, Bishop of the East Saxons.

The building of 'Old St Paul's' - the fourth cathedral – was begun on an enormous scale in 1087 and not completed until 1300. During an extension of this building eastwards, it was agreed that an adjacent parish church would be knocked down on condition that a chapel in the crypt of the cathedral could be used by the parish as their church: the Chapel of St Faith under St Paul's. The new cathedral built by Christopher Wren was completed in 1710 with a new Chapel of St Faith, which since 1960 has also been designated as the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire.

The Order of the British Empire was instituted by King George V in 1917 initially to recognise the considerable civilian contribution to the war effort during the 1914-18 war. It was a pioneering honour in its day, being the first five-class Order for national distribution and the first to admit women to membership. It has become the nation's most well recognised honour. Today all members of the Order and those who have been awarded the British Empire Medal, together with their children, are accorded the privilege of being married in the Chapel. Their children and grandchildren may also be baptised in the Chapel.



The Marriage of

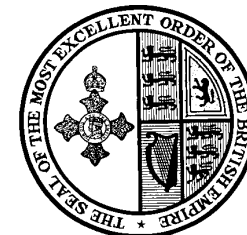
Ruby Ireland

and

Lee Wolk

Saturday 16th July 2011

11 am



The service is conducted by
The Reverend Duncan Ross
Prebendary of St Paul's

Best Men: Ryan Wolk
Danny Waterhouse

Maid of Honour: Julie Ireland

Bridesmaids: Jenny Cozins
Philippa Rose Foulsham
Olivia Henderson
Zuza Zak

Ushers: Nathan Comer
Stephen Gavigan
Shane McAteer

Music before the service

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J. S. Bach

At the Entrance of the Bride

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Handel

We remember with love those who cannot be with us,
especially Margaret and Andrew Wolk
who would have loved this day.

The Welcome

Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Words: William Blake

Tune: *Jerusalem*

The Preface and Declarations

During the Declaration of Intent, the minister asks

Will you, the family and friends of Ruby and Lee, support
and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years
to come?

All respond

We will.

Reading

Extract from 'A Room with a View' by E M Forster

read by Julie Ireland

You can transmute love, ignore it, muddle it, but you can never pull it out of you. I know from experience that the poets are right: love is eternal. I only wish poets would say this too: that love is of the body; not the body but of the body . . . When I think what life is, and how seldom love is answered by love – you must marry; it is one of the moments for which the world is made.

Song of Solomon 2. 10-13

read by Kate Quinn

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 is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Registration of the Marriage

Music during the signing of the Registers

Aria (Suite No. 3 in D)

J. S. Bach

Ave Maria

J. S. Bach, arr. Gounod

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus, tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, sancta Maria,
Maria, ora pro nobis nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora, in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, holy Mary,
Mary, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Recessional

Wedding March

Mendelssohn

Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy:

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: based on Prayer of St Francis

Music: Sebastian Temple,
arr. Norman Warren

The Blessing

to which all respond **Amen.**

I Corinthians 13. 1-7, 13

read by Mary Ireland

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

The Marriage

Hymn

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna ! Sing hosanna !
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna ! Sing hosanna !
Sing hosanna to the King !*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,
keep me resting till the break of day:

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day:

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep me burning till the break of day:

Words: Author unknown

Tune: *Sing Hosanns*

Prayers

Each prayer ends with the words

Lord of life and love:

to which all respond

hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers all say

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