

Order of Service

**Blessing of the Marriage
of
*N and N***

Picture of your choice

Date...

**at
St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold**

Prelude

Your musical choice

Processional

Your musical choice

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Hymn

INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

N and N, you stand in the presence of God as man and wife
to dedicate to him your life together, that he may consecrate
your marriage and empower you to keep the covenant and promise
you have solemnly declared.

You now wish to affirm your desire to live as followers of Christ, and you have
come to him, the fountain of grace, that, strengthened by the prayers of the Church,
you may be enabled to fulfil your marriage vows in love and faithfulness.

Let us keep silence and remember God's presence with us now.

*God is love, and those who live in love live in God
And God lives in them.*

1 John 4.16

God our Father, you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law.
Grant to Andrea and James
that, loving one another,
they may continue in your love until their lives' end:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

Reading from the Bible

Hymn

THE DEDICATION OF *N and N's* MARRIAGE

N and N, you have committed yourselves
to each other in marriage,
and your marriage is recognised by law.
The Church of Christ understands marriage to be,
in the will of God,
the union of a man and a woman,
for better, for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
till parted by death.
Is this your understanding of the covenant and
promise that you have made?

N and N: It is.

N, have you promised to be faithful to your wife,
forsaking all others, as long as you both shall live?

N: That is my promise, with the help of God

N, have you resolved to be faithful to your husband,
forsaking all others, as long as you both shall live?

N: That is my promise, with the help of God

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
let these rings be to *N and N*
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness
and of promises they have made to each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

N and N have here affirmed their Christian understanding and promise
in the marriage which they have begun.

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

We will.

Poem, or other reading(s)

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in 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.**

Hymn

Blessing

Recessional

Your musical choice

