

Sam & Sam



Saturday 20th July 2019

Charlton St Peter, Pewsey

It enables the two separate souls to share
their desires, longings, dreams, and memories,
their joys and sorrows,
and to help each other through all uncertainties of life.

A strong marriage also nurtures each of you as separate individuals
and allows you to maintain your unique identity
and grow in your own way through the years ahead.

You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other
but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust.

You are agreeing to share strength, responsibilities and love.

To make this relationship work, therefore, takes more than love.

It takes trust, to know in your hearts
that you want only the best for each other.

It takes dedication, to stay open to one another,
to learn and grow, even when it is difficult to do so.

And it takes faith, to go forward together
without knowing what the future holds for you both.

READING

I like you by Sandol Stoddard – read by Peter Richards

WELCOME

Welcome, family, friends and loved ones.
We are gathered here today,
surrounded by the beauty of creation and
nurtured by the sights and sounds of nature
to celebrate the wedding of Sam and Sam.

You have come here from nearby and from far away
to share in this commitment now they make to one another,
to offer your love and support to their union,
and to allow Sam and Sam to start their married life together
surrounded by the people dearest and most important to them.

Sam and Sam thank you for your presence here today.

They ask for your blessing, encouragement, and lifelong support,
for their decision to be married. So I ask:-

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

All We will.

Sam and Sam also remember other loved ones
who cannot be here to share this moment with them today.
Those people too, they hold dear in their hearts.

Sam and Sam,
marriage is the promise between two people who love each other,
who trust that love,
who honour one another as individuals in that togetherness,
and who wish to spend the rest of their lives together.

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND SHARING OF VOWS

Sam, please take Sam's hand and repeat after me.

Sam, I take you as you are
loving who you are now
and who you are yet to become
I promise from this day forward
To be grateful for our love and our life
To be generous with my time, my energy and my affection
To be patient with you and with myself
To fill our life with adventure and our home with laughter
To encourage you to grow as an individual,
and inspire you to do so
To love you completely.
These things I pledge before you, our friends and our family

Loose hands and take them again

Sam, please take Sam's hand and repeat after me.
Sam, I take you as you are,
loving who you are now and who you are yet to become.
I promise from this day forward
To be grateful for our love and our life
To be generous with my time, my energy and my affection
To be patient with you and with myself
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GIVING OF RINGS

Please present the rings

Your wedding ring is a symbol of your promise to one another.
The ring, an unbroken, never ending circle,
is a symbol of committed, unending love.

Heavenly Father, by your blessing
Let these rings be to Sam and Sam
a symbol of unending love and faithfulness,
to remind them of the vow and covenant
which they have made this day
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Sam, as you place this ring on Sam's finger,
repeat these words after me:

This ring symbolizes my love for you
and the commitments we make today.

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repeat these words after me:

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READING

You're the one – Read by Teg Dosanjh

CONCLUSION & PRONOUNCEMENT

Sam and Sam, you have come here today of your own free will
and in the presence of family and friends,
you have declared your love and commitment to each other.
You have each given and received a ring
as a symbol of your promises.

May you have -
Walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks bedside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you,
And all that your hearts may desire
And may you receive the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Congratulations.

Friends and family, I now present to you the married couple.