



## **St. Nicholas Church, Laindon with Dunton**

### **Example Readings and Hymns for Wedding Ceremonies**

#### **Readings**

There are many popular and exciting readings. Read some of these together and see if what they say seems important to you.

- God creates women and men to look after the earth* (Genesis, Chapter 1, verses 26-28)
- A love poem between two lovers* (Song of Solomon, Chapter 2, verses 10-13; Chapter 8, verses 6&7)
- Jesus teaches how to live life that brings true happiness* (Matthew, Chapter 5, verses 1-10)
- Jesus teaches about marriage, and welcomes children* (Mark, Chapter 10, verses 6-9 and 13-16)
- What happens when Jesus attends a wedding reception* (John, Chapter 2, verses 1 - 11)
- Love, actually!* (1 Corinthians Chapter 13)
- Committing to each other* (Ephesians Chapter 5, verses 21-33)
- Seeing the good side...* (Philippians Chapter 4, verses 4 - 9)
- Getting the perfect relationship* (Colossians Chapter 3, verses 12 - 17)
- Being a good lover!* (1 John Chapter 4 verses 7 - 12)

#### **Hymns**

There are usually two or three hymns during a wedding service. Try to find hymns that are familiar to those who will be present - and are easy to sing!

The following are popular choices:

All things bright and beautiful  
Come down O love divine  
Father hear the prayer we offer  
Give me joy in my heart  
Love divine, all loves excelling  
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
Lord of all hopefulness  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Morning has broken  
One more step along the world I go  
O, praise ye the Lord  
Now thank we all our God  
Praise my soul, the king of heaven  
The king of love my shepherd is

#### **Processional music**

Many couples choose the traditional "Bridal March" from Lohengrin by Wagner and "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn. However, there is other music that can be chosen, so if you want something different, talk to your organist about this. They will advise on what will sound good on the instrument in church. We also allow recorded/CD music to be used.