

# Order of Service

Marriage of  
Alison Kristine Rule  
and

Benjamin Sebastian Charles Hammond



We kindly request that there be no video or flash photography during the service.

Should you wish to contribute to the upkeep of All Hallows' Church, there will be a retiring collection as we leave.

All Hallows' Church, Ringmore  
Saturday, 11th April 2009  
12.30pm

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Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him, still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## The Blessing

## Recessional

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*The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba - from Handel's Solomon*

## The Prelude

### Entrance of the Bride

*Charpentier Te Deum - Prelude*

### Introduction by the Minister

### Hymn

**BE THOU MY VISION**, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;  
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;  
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:  
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## The Declarations

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

**We will.**

## The Readings

**Song of Solomon 2.10-13; 8.6,7**

*Read by Marc Hammond*

**Adapted Afghan love song**

*Read by Ellie Day*

## The Address

### 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 chariots 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.

## The Marriage & Blessing of the Couple

**Signing of the registers**

*Chanson de Matin - Elgar*

## Prayers

**A Prayer for the Armed Forces**

*Read by Chris Pawlowski*

*After each of the following prayers, the Minister says: Lord of life and love  
And all say: **Hear our prayer.***

We pray together The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

### Hymn

**PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN;**

To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!



### *The First Dance*

During the first dance (traditionally in Denmark, this is 'The Bride's Waltz' although we have chosen something slightly different!), the guests gather around the Bride and Groom in a large circle. As the dance goes on, the guests move in closer and closer to the couple until they cannot move. At this point the Groom's friends may lift the Groom off the floor and take off his shoes and cut off the toes of his socks. The tradition is believed to symbolise that he cannot run anywhere else (or to anybody else!).



We really hope you enjoy the rest of the day with us and look forward to greeting you after the Church service as *Mr and Mrs Ben Hammond*!

### *Guest Information*

*The wedding of  
Alison Kristine Rule  
and  
Benjamin Sebastian Charles Hammond*



*All Hallows' Church, Ringmore*

*Kitley House Hotel, Yealmpton*

*Saturday, 11th April 2009*

**Schedule for the Day** - We are delighted that you are with us here today, first to witness our marriage ceremony and then to celebrate afterwards at Kitley House. As a quick reminder, we would like to share the key times and locations for the rest of the day:

**12.30 - 13.30** - At the end of the service, we would like our guests to leave via the side door at the front of the Church, as shown by our ushers. Once our guests are gathered outside the Church either side of the main path, we will leave a few moments later via the main door under the crossed swords of our Guard of Honour. Confetti will be provided on the way out of the side door and the photographer will let everyone know when to throw!

We plan to have a few photos at the Church and kindly ask our guests to make their way back to



the car park at Charlilly and on to Kitley House whilst we do this.

**13.30 - 14.15** - It takes approximately 40 minutes to drive to Kitley House (postcode for GPS is: PL8 2NW). By car, leave Ringmore and return to St Ann's Chapel. Turn left by the pub (Old Chapel Inn) and follow the lane back to Harraton Cross at the A379. Turn left onto the A379 following signs for Modbury. Pass through Modbury town centre and continue to Yealmpton.

The entrance to Kitley House is on the left after you have left the village. Drive through the archway and stay on the driveway for almost a mile.

**14.15 - 16.00** - Weather permitting, there will be a cocktail reception and Easter Egg hunt outside on the terrace (leading from the Regency Room). We would like to have some formal photos with our friends and family so please be ready to join us when alerted by our bridesmaids. We will be serving Kir Royale, Peach Bellinis and Gin & Tonics as well as non-alcoholic drinks and a selection of canapés.

**Rottneest** - This island is located off the coast of Fremantle and is uniquely home to the 'quokka', a small marsupial resembling a wallaby. **Harvey Bootland** is a work friend of Alison's who now works for Shell.

**Ruth Bootland** is Harvey's wife.

**Ane Magrethe Mortensen** is Alison's second cousin and a teacher living on a farm in northern Denmark.

**Christian Mortensen** is an engineer in Denmark who has recently been working at his firm's Chinese operations.

**Marie Mortensen** is one of our lovely bridesmaids & about to qualify as a nurse.

**Simon Oakes** is a friend of Alison's from EY and is a talented musician.

**Gwenan Beasley** is Simon's fiancée and also a friend of Alison's from work.

**Marcus Butler** is another friend of Alison's from work who was assigned as her 'buddy' 8.5 years ago and is still looking out for her now.

**Rebecca Everton** is a friend of Alison's from work who owns a house in the Cognac region of France and is planning to take a month of holiday in the summer to do it up.

**Dave Owen** is a friend of Ben's, currently serving with him in 1 Rifles and also recently returned from Helmand, Afghanistan.



## Danish Traditions

There are also a few other traditions you could expect to see at a 'Danish wedding reception'—a 'bryllupsfest':

### Kissing the couple

When the bride leaves the room where the dinner takes place, the female guests may run up to give the groom a kiss (usually on the cheek!). When the groom leaves the room the male guests may do the same to the Bride.

### Banging the Cutlery

The bride and groom can be compelled to kiss one another by their guests at any time. If the guests strike their plates with their cutlery, the bride and groom must kiss. If the guests strike the glassware, then the couple must stand up on their chairs and kiss. And lastly, if the guests pound their feet on the floor, the bride and groom must go under the table to kiss.

**Henri Collins** is Ben's eldest sister and a keen amateur photographer.

**Mark Collins** is Henri's husband & also a member of HM Coastguard. Mark is Managing Director of his own telemetry company.

**Aimée Collins** is Henri & Mark's daughter.

**Alex Merkwick** is a friend of Ben's from Sandhurst, currently serving with the Royal Horse Artillery.

**Martin Shaw** is Bobbi's boyfriend who shared her pre-university travels around the world & currently studying English at Portsmouth University.

**Christian Jetuak** is another friend of Ben's from 1 Rifles, who is currently on a training posting to Catterick.

**Marc Tiers** is a friend of Ben's from Sandhurst, currently serving with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.



**Claremont** - This town is a smart suburb of Perth, home to Donna's family and our base for exploring the city from.

**Ruairidh Hogg** is Ben's uncle and an architect living in Surbiton near London.

**Nicki Hogg** is Ruairidh's wife and a Director of a London publishing company. Ruairidh & Nicki are accompanied by their children, Finola and Greigair.

**Julie Nielsen-Barham** is Alison's aunt & sister of Herdis, who currently shares her time with John between their London apartment & Danish summer house.

**John Barham** is Julie's husband and has travelled widely, living in Brazil and Brussels when younger.



**Chris Kennedy** is a friend of Alison's from university who works as an NHS manager.

**Sarah Campbell** is a friend of Alison's from university, who currently has the enviable job of working for M&S in their head office desserts team.

**Chris Woodward** is another friend of Alison's from Leeds, who is currently serving with the Mercian Regiment.

**Sian Woodward** is Chris' wife, who once went to circus school to learn to trapeze.

**16.00 - 19.00** - We will be invited to be seated for the 'Wedding Breakfast' at around 4 o'clock. We are not doing a 'line-up' into the Library so please just head for your tables, sit back and relax.

We are planning a meeting of cultures over the meal - in keeping with English traditions, the Groom and Best Man will make a speech. And in keeping with Danish traditions, any guest who so wishes may make a speech or propose a toast or sing a song!

We are giving each party of guests a CD to take home and we would be very grateful if you could burn any photos you take during the day onto it and then send it back to us.

**18.30** - Our evening guests are invited to meet for arrival drinks in the Regency Room.

**19.00** - Our evening guests will join us to cut the cake around 7 o'clock on the main staircase. Coffee will be served afterwards in the Regency Room whilst Kitley staff clear and prepare the Library for the disco (please remember to take personal items with you when leaving the room).

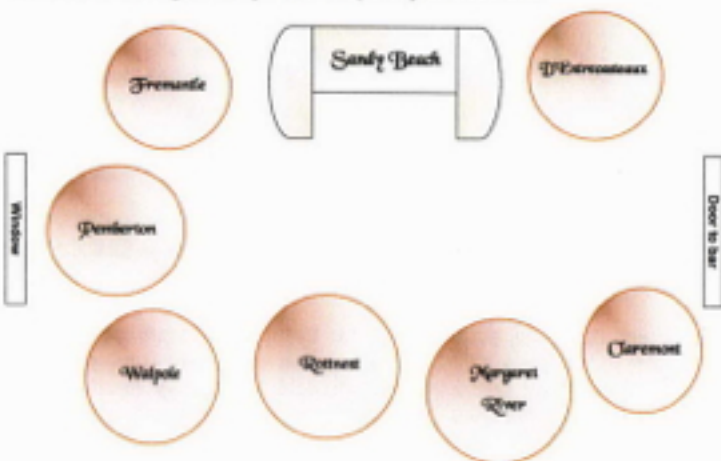
**20.00 - 00.00** - The disco starts at around 8 o'clock and shortly afterwards we will take our 'first dance' as husband and wife. The disco ends at midnight although the bar will stay open until 2 o'clock depending on demand!

**Transport** - There are a number of taxis leaving from Chartilly to Kitley after the Church service. If you have previously requested transport, then please make your way back to the house and join the fleet. If you have any problems with transport then please let one of our Guard of Honour know and they will try to help!

For taxis at the end of the evening, please order in advance at the hotel reception. For those staying in Modbury, Ringmore or Bigbury then there are a number of pre-booked taxis leaving at the end of the disco. Please coordinate your requirements with one of our ushers. If you would like to leave your car in Ringmore or Kitley, then please let our ushers know and someone will assist in reuniting you with it tomorrow.



**Table Plan and Guest Information** - We have 'borrowed' a Swedish tradition where the Bride and Groom provide a little information on each of their guests by table - hopefully all accurate!



### Sandy Beach

This is the beach where Ben proposed, located a short walk from Walpole in the south-west corner of Western Australia.

**William Hammond** is Ben's older brother who is kindly helping us today as an Usher. Billy is currently working as a paralegal in Exeter and is a keen chef in his spare time.

**Bobbi Hammond** is Ben's younger sister who is one of our beautiful bridesmaids. Bobbi is currently studying criminology at the University of Southampton and is also a keen chef and more recently a kayak enthusiast in her spare time.

**Patrick Finn** has known Ben since their time at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and Alison since school in Birmingham. Patch is now a policeman serving in the Durham Constabulary.



**Margaret River** - This town is most well-known for the production of distinctive, premium wines with over 200 vineyards and 60 wineries in the area.

**Elisabeth Ieng** is Alison's next door neighbour in Reading.

**Christopher Ieng** is Elisabeth's husband and a former boy band singer.

**Roseanne Martin** is Alison's godmother and used to work with Herdis in Good Hope hospital.

**Peter Martin** is Roseanne's husband and is kindly saying a few words of behalf of Alison's father, Ian.

**Esther Davidlsen** is Alison's cousin, who has bravely driven from her home in Brussels together with her children, Mathias and Josephine.

**Tine Davidlsen** is another of Alison's cousins, who is a teacher and also talented amateur artist.

**Helge Nielsen** is Tine's husband and father to Lau, their youngest son who, like Ben, is a fan of online computer gaming.

**Katrine Nielsen** is Tine and Helge's daughter and one of our lovely bridesmaids.

**Jakob Nielsen** is Tine and Helge's eldest son and currently reading international business and politics at the Copenhagen Business School.

### D'Entrecasteaux

This National Park is named after a French navigator who explored this area of Australia's coast in the 1790s and was the base for our kayaking explorations along the Donnelly River.



**Janet Canavan** is Alison's second cousin and retired school teacher.

**Mike Canavan** is Janet's husband and a retired Royal Air Force officer, who has subsequently been very active with the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Parkinson's Society.

**Melissa Canavan** is Jan and Mike's daughter and is a human rights judge in London.



**Avril Eaves** is a friend of family Hammond and is responsible for the amazing display of flowers both in the Church and at Kitley House.

**Alan Eaves** is Avril's husband and a keen DIY'er who re-built the roof of their lovely house last summer. Alan is also Sandy's musical director!

**Judith Parker** is Alison's second cousin, who rears chickens, ducks, & sheep.

**Guy Parker** is Judith's husband and their daughter, Emily, shares both her parents' love of horse-riding and hunting.

**Ane Davidsen** is Alison's aunt, Herdis' eldest sister, who has a specialist knowledge of the Bayeux Tapestry.

**Russell Canavan** is Alison's second cousin and a doctor in London.

**Fiona Canavan** is Russell's wife, Mum to Finlay and also a doctor.

**Walpole** - This town is located on the Norman Inlet on the south coast of South-Western Australia and is famous for its Giant Red and Yellow Tingle Trees, many over 400 years old.

**David Tillet** is Alison's second cousin and is a retired chartered accountant.

**Penny Tillet** is David's wife.

**Chris Pawlowski** is a friend of Ben's from 1 Rifles, who is kindly heading up our Guard of Honour.

**Julia Tellwright** is Chris' girlfriend, who works as a journalist for the Racing Post.

**Eleanor Peat** is Alison's second cousin, representing the Scottish side of the Rule family.

**Bill Peat** is Eleanor's husband and shares Ben's interest in whisky varieties.

**Helen Falconer** is one of Alison's university housemates and also getting married next Saturday in Cumbria.

**Ross Edwards** is Helen's fiancé, currently serving with the Royal Logistics Corps.

**Ellie Day** is another one of Alison's friends originally from Leeds University, now working as a HR Manager & sharing Alison's recent interest in ceramics.

**Andy Ellis** is a long-standing Army friend of Ben's, currently serving with him in Support Platoon of 1 Rifles.

**Anna Fogg** is a friend of Alison's from school and university.

**Chris Fogg** is Anna's husband and as well as working as an IT-Consultant, is currently completing an MBA.



**Herdis Rule** is the Mother of the Bride. Herdis is a keen gardener in her spare time after working as a nurse and looking after Alison's father.

**Michael Hammond** is the Father of the Groom. Michael is a retired company director & Chairman of the local Parish Council & an active British Legion member.

**Donna Carey** is the Chief Bridesmaid. Donna is also a Chartered Accountant and works for Deloitte in London. Donna is keen on Bikram yoga, tennis and cooking.

**Byron Hammond** is Ben's younger brother who is kindly also helping us at the service as an Usher. Byron is studying law at the University of Sussex.

**Sandy Hammond** is the Mother of the Groom. Sandy is a member of HM Coast guard, writes for the Ringmore News and is a First Aid Responder for the village.

**Fremantle** - This coastal town is most famous for its port at the mouth of the Swan River and the maximum security prison constructed by convicts in the 1850s. We 'escaped' from the visit at the prison and also enjoyed a crocodile pizza in one of the area's smart bars after our trip to Rottnest Island.

**Marc Hammond** is the eldest brother of the Groom. Marc owns his own electrical business and has one of the few Dodge ram trucks in the UK.

**Sandie Hammond** is Marc's wife and they live near Blackpool in Lancashire.

**Claire Blenkinsop** is our Best Man's girlfriend. Claire owns her own website development business and is Mum to their lovely daughter, Emily.

**Igor Buhl** is married to Lotte. Together with their children, Nanna and Thomas, they share a love of travel and have been around Argentina during the Christmas holidays.

**Lotte Davidsen** is Alison's first cousin and eldest daughter of Ane (Herdis' sister). Lotte is a freelance journalist.

**Taff Lawrence** is a friend of family Hammond and is in the Marines.

**Karen Lawrence** is Taff's wife and works in newspaper publishing locally in Kingsbridge.



**Pemberton** - This rural town lies in the heart of the karri forest and was our base for climbing the 'Gloucester Tree', a 60m fire look-out tree with amazing views of the forest and surrounds.

**Troels Davidsen** is Alison's first cousin and son of Ane (Herdis' sister) and Andreas (back home in Denmark this weekend).

**Nette Sile Hansen** is married to Troels and shares his keen interest in horse riding. Their children are Kristine and Kasper.

## BRIDAL CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Where did the Groom propose to the Bride (9)
- 5 How many brothers does Ben have (4)
- 7 Who is older- the bride or groom (5)
- 9 What is Ben's first middle name (9)
- 10 How many years have the bride and groom known each other (3)
- 13 In what month did the Groom propose to the Bride (8)
- 16 Where did the Bride attend university (5)
- 17 The top tier of the wedding cake is traditionally saved for what occasion (11)
- 19 What is the groom's occupation (4)(7)
- 20 What is the name of the couple's cat (6)
- 22 How old is the Groom (6)(4)
- 23 What musical instrument does the bride play (5)
- 24 What pub did the bride and groom go to on their first date (3)(7)
- 27 What is the Bride's star sign (7)
- 28 What does the bride do (10)

### DOWN

- 2 After the wedding the Groom traditionally carries the Bride over what (9)
- 3 Where was the Groom born (10)
- 4 Where are the bride and groom going for their honeymoon (7)
- 6 How old is the Bride (6)
- 7 Where did Ben and Alison go for their first weekend break (4)
- 8 What is the make of Ben's bike (8)
- 11 What is the Bride's middle name (8)
- 12 What does the best man do for a job (9)
- 14 What month did the Bride and Groom meet in (8)
- 15 What city was the bride born in (10)
- 18 Where did the Bride and Groom meet (9)
- 21 What is the bride's mother's maiden name (7)
- 25 What is the Groom's star sign (6)
- 26 What size feet does the Groom have (4)

