

Traditional wording

Use this as a guide to help you word your wedding invitations:

Wedding given by brides parents

Mr and Mrs Phillip Moore
request the pleasure of your company/
request the company of
at the marriage of their daughter
Anna to Mark Oldham
at Haworth Parish Church, Haworth
on Saturday 5th November 2011 at 2.30pm
and at the reception afterwards
at The White Lion Hotel

Wedding given by bride and groom

Anna Moore and Mark Oldham
request the pleasure of your company

Wedding given by jointly by parents of bride and groom

Mr and Mrs Phillip Moore
and
Mr and Mrs Joshua Oldham
request the pleasure of your company

Alternative informal wording

Mr and Mrs Phillip Moore
are delighted to invite _____
to the marriage of their daughter
Anna to Mark Oldham
at Haworth Parish Church, Haworth
on Saturday 5th November 2011 at 2.30pm
and afterwards at The White Lion Hotel
(If wedding and reception is held at the same venue, simply end with
on Saturday 5th November 2011 at 2.30pm
at The White Lion Hotel
followed by dinner and evening reception)

Service of Blessing

Mr and Mrs Phillip Moore
request the pleasure of your company
at a Service of Blessing
following the marriage of their daughter
Anna to Mark Oldham...

Other wording

Evening Invitation

Mr and Mrs Phillip Moore are delighted to invite (guests name) to celebrate the marriage of their daughter Anne to Mark Oldham at The White Lion Hotel on Saturday 5th November 2011 at 7.00pm
(Evening Invitations should have the reply address and remember to add Black tie if there is a dress code)

Reply Card

Your reply address is included, so guests can post directly. If you are worried about timings, you can also add a reply by date. You can have tick boxes so it is easy and quick for your guests to reply.

- Yes, I/we would love to come to your wedding

- Sorry, I/we will not be able to attend

If necessary you can also add other questions such as are you a vegetarian, or do you have any specific dietary requirements?

Guest Information

You may also want to add details on accommodation, the wedding list and directions to the venue to help your guests.

Accommodation

(list the Hotel's name, address and telephone number, and perhaps room price so your guests have a wide choice)

eg: The Old Hall Hotel, Sun Street, Haworth, BD22 6JD T: 01535 654321
(from £30 per person)

Wedding List

(you should receive details of this from the store you have placed your list with ie tel. number, account name, availability)

eg: A wedding list is available at Debenhams from mid-March. Phone 0870 12345678 to locate your nearest store.

(If you feel uncomfortable mentioning gifts, you can always end with: Please do not feel obliged to buy a gift.)

Travel

(you should be able to get concise, easy-to-follow directions from the venue - remember to include road directions, and nearest British Rail Station and perhaps a map. You should also print the full address of the church and venue)

eg: The White Lion Hotel, Main Street, Haworth, BD22 6JT T: 01535 644444

Finally

(you can add contact number, normally the bride's parents, if the guests have any further questions - anything from dietary needs, to booking taxis, to arranging the delivery of a surprise gift)

eg: For any other information, please call Mrs Phillip Moore on 01535 615243

Menu

The details of your wedding 'breakfast' - obtainable from your caterers or reception venue

Menu Example:

Breaded Mushrooms with Garlic & Basil Sauce

Stilton & Watercress soup

Traditional Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings

Salmon fillet in watercress, white wine & cream sauce

Home made Tiramisu

Meringue with fresh fruit salad

Thankyou Card

Contains your reply address (as a newly wed couple) and space to write your own message

Order of Service

Use this as a guide to help you word your Order of Service - you should get advice on the actual text from your minister:

FRONT:

The marriage of Anna Moore and Mark Oldham
Haworth Parish Church, Haworth
Saturday 5th November 2011

INSIDE:

The entrance of the bride: Trumpet tune, Purcell

The welcome & introduction

Reverend Michael Bridge

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.
Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
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:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.
Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

The marriage service

The Reverend Michael Bridge

Reading

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving. The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness. We pardon to the extent that we love. Love is knowing that even when you are alone you will never be lonely again. And great happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved. Loved for ourselves. And even loved in spite of ourselves.

Extract from Les Miserables, Victor Hugo (1802-1885)

Reading

Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good.
Love alone lightens every burden, and makes rough places smooth. It
bears every hardship as though it were nothing and renders all bitterness
sweet and acceptable.
Nothing is sweeter than love,
Nothing stronger,
Nothing higher,
Nothing wider,
Nothing more pleasant,
Nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth;
for love is born of God.
Love flies, runs and leaps for joy.
It is free and unrestrained.
Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds.
Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil,
attempts things beyond its strength.
Love sees nothing as impossible,
for it feels able to achieve all things.
It is strange and effective,
While those who lack love faint and fail.
Love is not fickle and sentimental,
Nor is it intent on vanities.
Like a living flame and a burning torch,
it surges upward and surely surmounts every obstacle.
Extract from Imitatio Christi, Thomas a Kempis (1379-1471)

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 heed 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 address

The Reverend Michael Bridge

The prayers & 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 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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Signing of the registers

The choir sings
Ave Maria; Schubert
Jesu joy of man's desiring; J S Bach

The blessing

Recessional: Sortie in E-flat; Lefebure-Wely