



# *A Royal Wedding*

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HRH PRINCE HENRY OF WALES & MS RACHEL MEGHAN MARKLE

HRH Prince Henry of Wales, currently fifth in line to the throne, married Ms Rachel Meghan Markle in St George's Chapel Windsor on Saturday 19 May 2018.

Their wedding was announced on 27 November 2017 following their engagement earlier that month. It was also announced that they would live in Nottingham Cottage in the grounds of Kensington Palace following the wedding.

The ceremony itself took place at midday on Saturday 19 May 2018 in St George's Chapel, Windsor, where Prince Harry was christened and his uncle, the Earl of Wessex and his cousin, Peter Phillips, were both married.

The service was conducted by the Dean of Windsor, the Very Reverend David Conner, Domestic Chaplain to The Queen and the marriage ceremony itself was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby.

Following the wedding there was a carriage procession through Windsor, followed by two receptions - one in St George's Hall for those attending the ceremony and a second for family and close friends hosted by HRH Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales later in the day.

Prince Harry and Ms. Markle had said they wanted their wedding day to be shaped to allow members of the public to feel part of the celebrations. Accordingly the couple asked Lord Lieutenants to invite 1,200 people to join the celebrations, including young people who have shown strong leadership, and those who have served their communities.

More than 250 members of the Armed Forces drawn from regiments and units which hold a special relationship with the Prince performed ceremonial duties at the wedding.

Members of the Household Cavalry formed a staircase party at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle as part of the wedding. The State Trumpeters and a Captain's Escort from the Household Cavalry also provided ceremonial support together with the Household Cavalry Regiment with which the Prince served in Afghanistan and the Royal Gurkha Rifles.



*The engagement of HRH Prince Harry of Wales and Ms Meghan Markle was announced on 22 November 2017 when the happy couple posed in the Sunken Garden at Kensington Palace, London for the official photographs.*



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Prince Harry, currently fifth in line to the throne, is the younger son of The Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales. His Royal Highness spent ten years working in the Armed Forces, ending operational duties in 2015. During his service, he conducted two tours of duty to Afghanistan with the British Army. Prince Harry now spends his working life supporting a number of charitable activities and projects and carrying out public duties in support of Her Majesty The Queen. His Royal Highness's official residence is Kensington Palace in London.



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In 2006, Prince Harry jointly founded Sentebale, a charity to help orphans in Lesotho, Southern Africa. Having visited the small African nation after completing his school education, he was moved by the plight of children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic which has devastated the country. Together with his great friend Prince Seeiso of Lesotho, he set up Sentebale to offer long-term support to community organisations working with children and young people, and in particular to those working with orphans.



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Prince Harry's engagement to Ms Megan Markle was announced on 22 November 2017. His fiancée, Ms Markle, a US actress and humanitarian, was born in Los Angeles, California and grew up in Hollywood. Following a private education she undertook an internship at the US embassy in Buenos Aires and then pursued a TV acting career appearing in 'Suits', 'Cuts', '90210', 'Without a Trace' and 'Castle'. She retired from acting when her engagement to the Prince was announced.

**TECHNICAL DETAILS**

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