

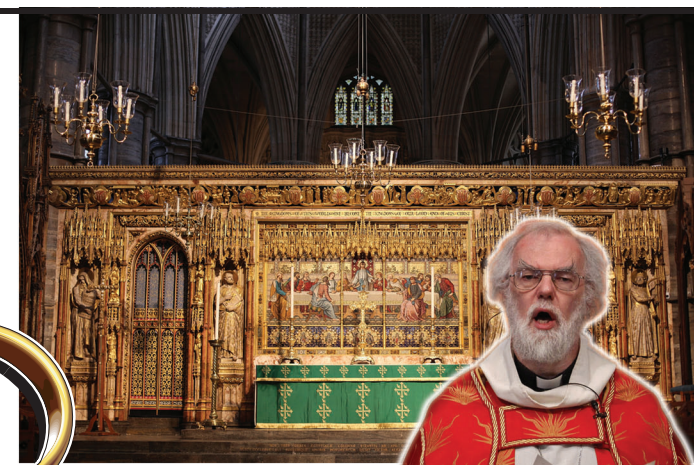
Royal Wedding at Westminster Abbey

When Prince William and Catherine Middleton walk down the aisle of London's famous medieval church, their royal footsteps will echo down the ages. Consecrated in 1085 for King Edward the Confessor, the Abbey has hosted 15 royal weddings and is the final resting place of 17 monarchs

William and Catherine chose to be married at Abbey because of its beauty, history and, despite overall size, relative intimacy of area around High Altar

Exchange of vows:

All royal wedding rings since 1923 fashioned from single nugget of Welsh gold given to Royal Family for wedding of late **Queen Mother** to future **George VI**



High Altar: Dean of Westminster will conduct service, Archbishop of Canterbury **Rowan Williams** (above) will marry couple, and Bishop of London will give address



Coronation Chair: All but two monarchs crowned in Abbey since 1066

Chapter House: Meeting place for Parliament in 14th century

Music: Performed by two choirs, one orchestra and a fanfare team, to include well-known hymns, choral works and specially-commissioned pieces



Memorials: Many famous people buried or commemorated in Abbey, including composer **George Frederick Handel**



Catherine may follow tradition, set by **Queen Mother** and continued by **Queen** and **Princess Diana**, of having wedding bouquet placed on tomb

Tomb of Unknown Warrior: At west end of nave, resting place of unidentified soldier killed during World War I, and brought from France in 1920



North Transept

Middleton family seats

Lady Chapel

St Edward's Chapel: Couple will sign register

Royal Family seats

South Transept

Cloisters

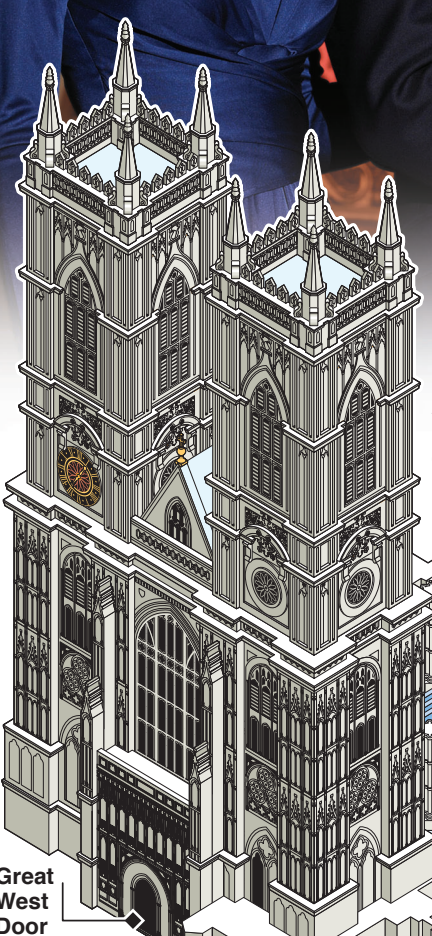
Guests:

Include members of Royal Family and foreign royalty, politicians, diplomats and Commonwealth leaders. Also members of armed forces, representatives of William's charities, and some 1,000 family and friends

Quire: Abbey choir and VIP guests

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Great West Door

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