Notes on Mike and Meg Hart's wedding music, 9th September 1967

1. Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme ('Sleepers Awake')

J. S. Bach

also known as 'Zion hears the watchmen calling' Listen out for the incredible way in which left hand and right hand play different melodies which combine!

2. Water music suite: Air

G.F. Handel

Traditionally played at weddings - not sure why!

3. Christ is made the sure foundation (hymn)

Henry Purcell

Sung by all major denominations (Catholic, Anglican, Methodist) This is the music that Pope Benedict processed to when visiting Westminster Abbey in 2000. A major ecumenical occasion on 21 Sept 2010 - worth watching on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR9NHXnbxlU

Some of the comments accompanying the YouTube clip are fascinating as well

4. Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

A particular favourite which was sung for us by a friend who was a trainee opera singer (Austin Huchison) in 1967 - and performed again on the trumpet (Clive Skinner) at our 50th celebrations in 2017

5. Love Divine, All Love's excelling

A Charles Wesley hymn, traditionally performed at weddings

6. Toccata and Fugue

J. S. Bach

Of course! Joyous, dramatic and emotional to process down the church at the end of the ceremony.

How do we remember all of this after 50 years?

By an extraordinary act of good fortune, the original organist's notes (on a sheet of lined paper) fell out of our wedding album when we digitised the photos in 2017 and, thanks to the Internet, we have managed to match up recordings that very closely approximate to the original renditions in 1967.

The music is available at:http://wedding.mch-net.info/music.pdf and the original html file for the slideshow is also located there (slide_show2.html)

You can access individual photos/music tracks via the following link: http://wedding.mch-net.info