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14 February—the St. Valentine's Day

The history of Valentine's Day

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday?

The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.

So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Al-



though the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.



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*Rain or Shine ... Be My Valentine
Raindrops on our dresses,
Sunshine on our face,
No matter what the weather,
The look of love won't be replaced.*



The quotation of the day

*"Love is the only flower that grows and blossoms
without the aid of the seasons"*

Remembering Whitney Houston



The Greatest Voice of Our Time

Whitney Elizabeth Houston (August 9, 1963 – February 11, 2012) was an American recording artist, actress, producer, and model. In 2009, the *Guinness World Records* cited her as the most-awarded female act of all-time. Houston was also one of the world's best-selling music artists, having sold over 170 million albums, singles and videos worldwide. She released seven studio albums and three movie soundtrack albums, all of which have diamond, multi-platinum, platinum

or gold certification. Houston's crossover appeal on the popular music charts, as well as her prominence on MTV, starting with her video for "How Will I Know", influenced several African-American female artists to follow in her footsteps. Houston is the only artist to chart seven consecutive No. 1 *Billboard* Hot 100 hits. She is the second artist behind Elton John and the only female artist to have two number-one *Billboard* 200 Album awards (formerly "Top Pop Album") on the *Billboard* magazine year-end charts. Houston's 1985 debut album *Whitney Houston* became the best-selling debut album by a female act at the time of its release. The album was named *Rolling Stone's* best album of 1986, and was ranked at number 254 on *Rolling Stone's* list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. Her second studio album *Whitney* (1987) became the first album by a female artist to debut at number one on the *Billboard* 200 albums chart..

Houston's first acting role was as the star of the feature film *The Bodyguard* (1992). The film's original soundtrack won the 1994 Grammy Award for Album of the Year. Its lead single "I Will Always Love You" became the best-selling single by a female artist in music history. With the album, Houston became the first act (solo or group, male or female) to sell more than a million copies of an album within a single week period under Nielsen Sound Scan system. The album makes her the top female act in the top 10 list of the best-selling albums of all time, at number four. Houston continued to star in movies and contribute to their soundtracks, including the films *Waiting to Exhale* (1995) and *The Preacher's Wife* (1996). *The Preacher's Wife* soundtrack became the best-selling gospel album in history.

On February 11, 2012, Houston was found dead in her guest room at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, in Beverly Hills, California, of causes not immediately known. News of her death the day before the 2012 Grammy Awards dominated American and international media.

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I Will Always Love You

If I should stay,
I would only be in your way.
So I'll go but I know
I'll think of you
every step of the way.

And I will always love you.
Will always love you.

You, my darling you. Mmmm.

Bittersweet memories,
That is all I'm taking with me.
So goodbye, please don't cry.
We both know I'm not what you,
you need.

And I will always love you.
I will always love you.

I hope life treats you kind,
And I hope you have
All you've dreamed of.
And I wish you joy
And happiness.
But above all this, I wish you
love.

And I will always love you.
I will always love you...
I will always love you...



Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton

Romantic Couple

People



The wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine Middleton took place on 29 April 2011 at Westminster Abbey in London. Prince William, the eldest son of Charles, Prince of Wales, first met Catherine "Kate" Middleton in 2001, when both were studying at the University of St Andrews. Their engagement on 20 October 2010 was announced on 16 November 2010. The

build-up to the wedding and the occasion itself attracted much media attention, with the service being broadcast live around the world, and being compared and contrasted in many ways with the 1981 marriage of William's parents, Charles, Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. Much of the attention focused on Kate Middleton's status as a commoner (i.e. not a part of the aristocracy) marrying into royalty.

As Prince William was not the heir apparent to the throne, the wedding was not a full state occasion and many details were left to the couple to decide, such as much of the guest list of about 1,900. It was a public holiday in the United Kingdom and featured many ceremonial aspects, including use of the state carriages and roles for the Foot Guards and Household Cavalry. Hours before the service, the Queen conferred upon William the titles Duke of Cambridge, Earl of Strathearn and Baron Carrickfergus. Upon her marriage, Middleton therefore became *Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge*. The ceremony was attended by most of the Royal Family, as well as many foreign royals, diplomats, and the couple's chosen personal guests.

Middleton wore a white dress by British designer Sarah Burton, as well as a tiara lent to her by the Queen. Prince William wore the uniform of his honorary rank of Colonel of the Irish Guards. William's best man was his brother, Prince Harry, while the bride's sister, Pippa, acted as her maid of honour. The wedding ceremony began at 11:00 am BST. John Robert Hall, the Dean of Westminster, conducted the service, with Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, conducting the marriage ceremony itself and Richard Chartres, the Bishop of London, giving the sermon. A reading was given by the bride's brother, James. After the ceremony, the newly married couple travelled in procession to Buckingham Palace for the traditional appearance on the balcony and a fly past before crowds assembled in The Mall. Later the Prince drove his Duchess the short distance to Clarence House in his father's classic Aston Martin DB6 Volante, decorated by Prince Harry with a number plate "JU5T WED". Following the wedding, the couple intend to continue living on Anglesey in North Wales, where Prince William is based as an RAF Search and Rescue pilot.

Over 5000 street parties were held to mark the Royal wedding throughout the United Kingdom and one million people lined the route between Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. In the United Kingdom TV audiences

peaked at 26.3 million viewers with a total of 36.7 million watching part of the coverage. The ceremony was viewed live by tens of millions more around the world including 72 million on the YouTube Royal Channel.



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Psychology

What Makes a Successful Marriage?

- Accepting your partner as she is.
- Having good relationship with your in-laws.
- Having a home of your own.
- Being from a similar class and culture.
- Both partners being able and willing to cook.
- Being able to make each other laugh.
- Being able to respect each other's needs.
- Having similar interests.
- Being faithful to each other.
- Being honest.
- Both partners being of similar intelligence.
- Being able to communicate with each other.
- Having similar views (about politics, religion).
- Being willing to work at the marriage.
- Being handy about the house.
- Having a good physical relationship.
- Having good health.
- Having children.
- Living in love and respect.
- Helping each other.

Friends Forever

Poem

*Are we friends,
Are we not.
You told me once,
but I forgot.
So tell me now and tell me true,
So I can say I'm here for you.
And if I die before you do,
I'll go to heaven and wait for you.*

*I'll give the angels back their wings,
And risk the loss of everything.
Just to prove my friendship is true,
Just to have a friend like you.*



ДЕТСКИЕ СТИШКИ С АНГЛИЙСКИМИ СЛОВАМИ

Даже если ты молчун,
Даже если бука,
Говори: "Good afternoon!"
Если встретишь друга.
Это днем, когда светло
И спешишь не очень.
А спешишь, скажи: "Hello!"
Как бы между прочим.
Вечер выдался плохой,
С ветром или с ливнем.
Все равно, придя домой,
Ты скажи: "Good evening!"
Посмотри: опять светло,
Синь на небосклоне.
Утро доброе пришло.
Говори: "Good morning!"

Расскажу-ка вам, друзья,
Как живет моя семья.
Шьет роскошные наряды
Нам с сестренкой мама, mother.
Вышивает тетя, aunt,
У нее большой талант.
Служит в самом главном банке
Наш любимый дядя, uncle,
Каждый день после работы
Он гуляет с дочкой, daughter.
Варит вкусное варенье
На зиму бабуля, granny.
Весь вареньем перемазан
Мой двоюродный брат, cousin.
Есть еще щенок пушистый
У моей сестренки, sister.
Со щенком гулять по саду
Ходит старший брат мой, brother.
Если что-то сделать надо,
Обращаюсь к папе, father
Папа мастер хоть куда,
Мне готов помочь всегда.
Он научит сына, son,
Чтоб умел все делать сам.

Будь вежлив и не забывай,
Прощаясь говорить:
"Good-bye!"

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