



St Marylebone
Parish Church

11th September 2020

The Annual Commemoration of the Marriage of Robert Browning with Elizabeth Moulton Barrett at St Marylebone Parish Church

This year, we invite you to share in the annual commemoration of the Marriage of Robert Browning with Elizabeth Moulton Barrett at St Marylebone Parish Church online. The St Marylebone Team hopes that you will enjoy this video which seeks to tell something of the Brownings' Marylebone story. The video will be available on our YouTube channel from Friday 11th September:

www.youtube.com/c/stmaryleboneparishchurch

The parish church is one of the key buildings associated with the lives of the poets, providing the point of fundamental change in their relationship when, on 12th September 1846, they arrived here to make their vows and marry in a private ceremony conducted by the Revd Thomas Woods Goldhawk.

In the months which followed, the Brownings reflected in letters on what the brief ceremony at St Marylebone meant to them. After Elizabeth's death, and following Robert's return to England, Robert revisited the parish church every year on his wedding anniversary, bending to kiss the threshold over which they first stepped into the world as man and wife.

2021 will mark the 175th anniversary of the Brownings' marriage and we hope that you might be able to help us refurbish and reimagine the parish church's Browning Room, created in 1949, as part of our St Marylebone *Changing Lives* project.

The Browning Room will be completely refurbished and will be brought up to contemporary standards of access and will have excellent IT and AV equipment enabling us not only to tell the story of the Brownings to wider audiences, but to tell the stories of the many poets, artists, writers and others connected to St Marylebone as well.

A Browning Room Patron leaflet accompanies this letter. Please help us to raise the money to cover the £100,000 cost of restoring the Browning Room.

With all very best wishes,

The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Evans, *Rector of St Marylebone, President of The Browning Society*