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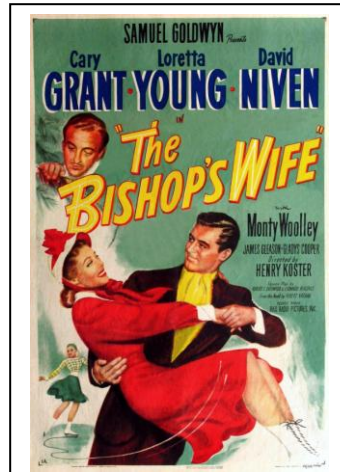
# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **The Bishop's Wife** B&W/Colourised version



[2 Disc] B&W & Colourised

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## Information

Release Title: **Home Alone** – 25<sup>th</sup> November 1947 (United Kingdom)

London Royal Film Performance

Publication: Novel from Robert Nathan

Origin: United States

Release date: United States – 16<sup>th</sup> February 1948

AKA:

Genres: Comedy, Drama Fantasy, Romance

Disc Nos. 2

Certification: U

Duration: 1hr 49m

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EAN: 8809116451124

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Languages: English, French

Filming locations: Loring Park, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA (snowball fight scene)

Sound mix: Dolby Stereo

Colour – ORIGINAL Black & White – additional Colour enhanced Version inside sleeve (Rare/Valuable)

Aspect Ratio: 1.37:1

**The Bishop's Wife**

Theatrical release poster by William Rose

Directed by	Henry Koster
Screenplay by	Leonardo Bercovici Robert E. Sherwood Billy Wilder (uncredited) Charles Brackett (uncredited)
Based on	<i>The Bishop's Wife</i> 1928 novella by Robert Nathan
Produced by	Samuel Goldwyn
Starring	Cary Grant Loretta Young David Niven
Cinematography	Gregg Toland
Edited by	Monica Collingwood
Music by	Hugo Friedhofer
Production company	Samuel Goldwyn Productions
Distributed by	RKO Radio Pictures
Release dates	December 9, 1947 (New York City) <sup>[1]</sup> February 16, 1948 (United States) <sup>[1]</sup>
Running time	109 minutes <sup>[a]</sup>
Country	United States
Language	English
Box office	\$3 million (US rentals) <sup>[4]</sup>

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## Storyline

Bishop Henry Brougham (David Niven), troubled with funding the building of a new cathedral, prays for divine guidance. His plea is seemingly answered by a suave angel named Dudley (Cary Grant), who reveals his identity only to the clergyman.

However, Dudley's mission is not to help construct a cathedral, but to spiritually guide Henry and the people around him. Henry has become obsessed with raising funds, to the detriment of his family life. His relationships with wife Julia (Loretta Young) and their young daughter Debby (Karolyn Grimes) are strained by his focus on the cathedral.

Everyone, except for Henry, is charmed by Dudley, even the non-religious Professor Wutheridge (Monty Woolley). When Dudley spends time cheering up Julia, though, an unexpected development occurs: he finds himself strongly attracted to her. Sensing this, Henry becomes jealous and anxious for his now unwelcome guest to finish and depart. He reveals Dudley's true identity to Professor Wutheridge, who urges him to stand up and fight for the woman he loves.

Dudley persuades a wealthy parishioner, the widowed Agnes Hamilton (Gladys Cooper), to contribute her much needed funds, but not to build the cathedral as Henry had hoped. Instead, he coaxes Mrs. Hamilton to donate her money to feed and clothe the needy, much to Henry's chagrin.

On several occasions throughout the film, Dudley reveals himself to viewers as an angel. He helps Julia and Sylvester (a taxi driver) ice skate like pros, redecorates the Broughams' Christmas tree in a few seconds, saves an old church by restoring interest in the boys' choir, dictates to a typewriter to magically produce Henry's new sermon—without Henry's knowledge—among other small things.

As the climax to the movie approaches, Dudley hints to Julia his willingness to stay with her and not move on to his next assignment. Although Julia doesn't fully understand what he's talking about, she senses what he means, and tells him it is time for him to leave. Dudley tells the bishop it is rare for an angel to envy a mortal. When Henry wants to know why his cathedral plans were derailed, Dudley reminds the bishop that he had prayed for guidance, not a building.

With his mission completed and knowing that Julia loves her husband, Dudley leaves, promising never to return. All memory of him is erased, and later that Christmas Eve at midnight, Henry delivers the sermon he believes he has written. Dudley observes from the street, satisfied that his work is done.

**Quick Review:** An Episcopal Bishop, Henry Brougham, has been working for months on the plans for an elaborate new cathedral which he hopes will be paid for primarily by a wealthy, stubborn widow. He is losing sight of his family and of why he became a churchman in the first place. Enter Dudley, an angel sent to help him. Dudley does help everyone he meets, but not necessarily in the way they would have preferred. With the exception of Henry, everyone loves him, but Henry begins to believe that Dudley is there to replace him, both at work and in his family's affections, as Christmas approaches. — John Vogel IMDb

## Cast

Cary Grant as Dudley  
Loretta Young as Julia Brougham  
David Niven as Bishop Henry Brougham  
Monty Woolley as Professor Wutheridge  
James Gleason as Sylvester, a sympathetic taxi driver  
Gladys Cooper as Mrs. Agnes Hamilton  
Elsa Lanchester as Matilda, the Broughams' housekeeper  
Sara Haden as Mildred Cassaway, the Bishop's secretary  
Karolyn Grimes as Debby Brougham, the Broughams' daughter

Tito Vuolo as Maggenti  
 Regis Toomey as Reverend Miller (credited as Mr. Miller)  
 Sarah Edwards as Mrs. Duffy  
 Margaret McWade as Miss Trumbull  
 Anne O'Neal as Mrs. Ward  
 Ben Erway as Mr. Perry  
 Erville Alderson as Stevens  
 Robert J. Anderson as Defence Captain  
 Teddy Infuhr as Attack Captain  
 Eugene Borden as Michel  
 Almira Sessions as First Lady in Michel's  
 Claire Du Brey as Second Lady (as Claire DuBrey)  
 Florence Auer as Third Lady  
 Margaret Wells as Hat Shop Proprietress  
 Kitty O'Neil as Hat Shop Customer (as Kitty O'Neill)  
 Isabel Jewell as Hysterical Mother  
 David Leonard as Blind Man  
 Dorothy Vaughan as Delia  
 Edgar Dearing as Policeman  
 The Robert Mitchell Boys Choir as Vocal Ensemble (as The Mitchell Boychoir) Wiki



#### **Parental Guidance Certification**

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 Germany:0 Germany:6 (DVD/Blu-Ray Rating) Italy:T Japan:G Netherlands:AL (1959 re-release) Netherlands:AL (1948, original rating)  
 New Zealand:G Norway:A Norway:7 (DVD rating) Spain:A Sweden:Btl United Kingdom:U United Kingdom:PG (1959, re-issue) United  
 States:Not Rated (Blu-Ray Rating) United States:TV-PG (Digital Streaming) United States:Approved (mpaa rating: certificate #12667) United  
 States:TV-G (TV rating) West Germany:6

**Sex & Nudity** – None, **Violence & Gore**- None, **Profanity**- None, **Alcohol, drugs & Smoking**- Mild, **Frightening & Intense Scenes** -None



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