

ORDER OF CEREMONY FOR AN ENHANCED CEREMONY

Registrar's welcome
Introduction and presentation (optional)
Personalised to your story
Reading (optional)
Declaratory words (legal requirement)
Contracting words (legal requirement), ring exchange (optional) and traditional vows
Reading (optional)
Pronouncement
Signing of the schedule
Concluding words

The words in blue are the legal words that must be included within the ceremony script as well as the declaratory and contracting words

Registrar will welcome guests before the arrival of the 2nd party or couple if entering together

(words to reflect the requests of the couple, personalised by the Registrar but will generally encompass the following: mobile phone etiquette, photos during the ceremony, social media, confetti, when guests are asked to stand up, any wishes about crying babies)



INTRODUCTION

Good afternoon family and friends and a warm Shropshire welcome.

In the company of _____ and _____ we gather here today at (venue) to celebrate one of life's most beautiful moments, a wedding that commemorates the boundless love between this couple.

To _____ and _____ having you their family and here today you are expressing your love and support for them at this very special occasion and it means the world to them and it will make this celebration even more meaningful and memorable.

My name is _____ and I have the honour and privilege of conducting the marriage ceremony today.

My colleague is _____, and they are responsible for the legal aspects of today's ceremony. _____ will be listening very carefully to ensure that all the legal parts of the ceremony are performed correctly, so that _____ and _____ leave here today as they intended – a legally married couple.

Before this ceremony can begin, I am required to formally check your names:

_____ – Would you please confirm your full names?

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This place in which we are met has been duly sanctioned according to the law for the celebration of marriages.

You are here today to witness the joining in matrimony of _____ to _____ and I am required to ask if any person here present knows of any lawful impediment to this marriage they should declare it now.



PRESENTING BRIDE/GROOM

(Optional according to couples' requests)

One of the customs in the wedding ceremony that brings together new and old is the presentation of the bride/groom. Today, presenting (the bride/groom) is seen as a symbolic act of love and support for the new couple

Who has the honour of presenting _____ to be married to _____ ?



Example introduction including how you met, what you thought of each other and what made you decide to get married. This will be written with you by your dedicated Registrar.

_____ and _____ first met in Cardiff, back in 2013, dressed in their pyjamas on one of the weekly university pub crawls.

_____ would rush home to tell her best friend Olivia how she had met this good looking and charming man in his Star Wars pyjamas, but their paths sadly didn't cross again in Cardiff. All however was not lost as on 4th February 2020 their paths would cross again, this time dressed in their finest clothes at a company awards ceremony, _____ recognising the gorgeous lady who he had first seen all those years before.

Numbers were exchanged. _____ messaged straightaway and arranged their first date which then led to many dates, commuting between Cardiff and Shrewsbury. With the A49 nearly worn out from many car journeys they settled in Shrewsbury.

The wedding proposal was patiently waited for by _____ but there was only way it could be done – and that was in front of their family on the beach in Cornwall in 2022.

And now on this significant day, 4th February 2025, precisely five years from that awards dinner and again dressed up to the nines, we gather to celebrate their union in marriage.

_____, you describe _____ as your favourite person and there aren't enough words in the world to describe what she means to you. _____ is the first thing you think about when you wake up and the last before you go to sleep. You feel that _____ is supportive of everything you do, and you are incredibly grateful for this, and you can't imagine life without her.

_____, _____ is your best friend he makes you laugh no matter what, he knows how you feel when you need that coffee, when you need a great big hug or just to sit quietly and watch Friends for the hundredth time. _____ has taught you to live life to the fullest.

READING

– by guest, supplied by couple and approved before the ceremony by the Registration Service



DECLARATORY WORDS

_____ and _____ before you are joined in matrimony, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of marriage and of the implicit promises you are about to make to each other.

According to the law of this Country, marriage is the union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusion of all others.

I must now ask each of you to declare that you know of no legal reason why you should not be married to each other.

Please repeat after me:

Option to be selected by the couple when they complete the Options Questions on their online booking

Option 1

I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I (full name) ,may not be joined in matrimony to (full name)

Option 2

I declare that I know of no legal reason why I (full name) may not be joined in marriage to (full name)

Option 3

Registrar asks: Are you (full name) free lawfully to marry full name)

Response: I am



_____ and _____ you have gathered about you those whom you love most. You have invited them here to receive their encouragement and support in the celebration of your marriage. In the presence of this company, I have a question for you which I would like you to answer to one another:

_____ will you take _____ to be your lawful wedded husband/wife, will you comfort him/her, rejoice with him/her and remain true to him/her for the rest of your life?

Response: I Will or I Do

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CONTRACTING WORDS

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, we have now come to the most important part of the ceremony, the formal vows of marriage and the exchange of rings.

The wearing of a wedding ring is the ancient and traditional seal of a marriage. The wedding ring is an unbroken circle that symbolises unending and everlasting love, a circle that has no beginning and no end. It is an outward and visible sign of the lifelong promises you are about to make, and to which all the people here today are witnesses.

(Ring bearer) would you please bring forward the rings

Please repeat after me:

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Option 1

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I (full name)
do take thee (full name) to be my lawful wedded wife/husband

Option 2

I (full name) take you (full name) to be my wedded wife/husband

Option 3

I (full name) take thee (full name) to be my wedded wife/husband

Followed by the Traditional Vows

I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage, and I promise to care for you, give you my love and friendship, support and comfort you, and to respect and cherish you, throughout our lives together.

Or

You can include your own personal vows instead of the traditional vows. Your dedicated Registrar will guide you if you need any ideas for personalised vows.



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PRONOUNCEMENT

Example conclusion includes what are you most looking forward to in your life as a married couple and your plans for your future together. This will be written with you by your dedicated Registrar.

_____ and _____ you have both chosen to be with someone who enhances you, who makes you think, makes you smile and makes every day brighter,

Today marks a new beginning for you both as a married couple. We hope you go on to live full and rich lives together. Embrace this new phase in your life and enjoy every moment you spend in each other's company living your best lives together.

May the home that you build together be a sanctuary for you both. Let it be a place that is filled with happiness, laughter, kindness and love. A place where you can be yourselves and be free to give your whole selves to each other, as you hopefully watch your family grow.

May the love that you are so obviously feeling for each other today, grow stronger and deeper as you travel through all your tomorrows together

You have both made the declaration that is required by law, you have made solemn and binding promises to each other in the presence of your witnesses, family, and friends.

You have symbolised your marriage by the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of rings.

We are honoured to be able to tell you that by your own words, and by the law of this country, you are now (husband and wife/husband and husband/wife and wife), and it is my privilege to introduce you as a married couple for the first time

If you wish you may seal your marriage with a kiss

SIGNING OF THE SCHEDULE

(opportunity for photographs)



CONCLUDING WORDS

Ladies and Gentlemen, this brings the formal proceedings to a close. I would like to wish you a wonderful time celebrating with _____ and _____ here at _____

Please make sure you savour this very special day, make lots of memories and ensure that _____ and _____ have a day they will never forget.

It just remains for me to ask you all to stand... and join us in offering congratulations to the newly married couple as they take their first steps into married life together

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Ladies and Gentleman;

Mr & Mrs/Mr & Mr/Mrs & Mrs (*surname as requested*)

or

First names

or

The happy couple