

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Registrar's welcome
Introduction
Reading (optional)
Declaration words (legal requirement)
Ring/Token exchange and promises (optional)
Reading (optional)
Pronouncement
Signing of the declaration
Concluding 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.

On behalf of _____ and _____, may I formally welcome you to the beautiful surroundings of (Venue Name) to celebrate the love between this couple.

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

_____ and _____ have asked you here today to witness their civil partnership and to share with them the happiness of this very special occasion. They will pledge their love and offer each other the security that comes from promises sincerely made and faithfully kept. They are choosing to make a commitment to each other for the rest of their lives.

The ceremony provides the opportunity to bring friends and family together, to celebrate the happiness of _____ and _____.

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

_____ – Would you please confirm your full names?

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

DECLARATION

The place in which we are now meet has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of civil partnerships. This means that each ceremony that takes place here is both legal and binding.

I must now ask each of you to repeat after me, this is where you will make your declaration to each other

“ I declare that I know/ of no legal reason /why we may not register /as each others civil partner./ I understand /that on signing this document/ we will be forming /a civil partnership with each other”



EXCHANGE OF RINGS/TOKENS **(Optional)**

Rings

The giving and receiving of rings is a traditional way of sealing your union. It is the outward sign of the love you share and commitment you have made to one another.

Please place the ring and then repeat after me;

I give you this ring as a symbol of our love and all that we share together.

or

I give you this ring as a token and pledge of my love for you. Wear it as a sign of my lifelong commitment to you.

or

This ring is a symbol of our love. Wear it always as a reminder of my promise to you today

Followed by a promise as below (optional)

No Rings – but wish to exchange a promises

I will now ask you to make your promises to each other

I have chosen to spend my life with you. I promise to be loving, loyal and faithful for the rest of our lives.

or

I declare before these people that I will be caring and loving to you and promise to be supportive of you as an individual, I will cherish and respect you throughout our lives together and will be faithful always.

or

I promise to love and cherish you and always be your friend. I promise to value our relationship and always be honest with you. I will be there to comfort you in times of sorrow and rejoice with you in times of happiness

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CONCLUSION

The promises you have exchanged are the foundation of your future together and confirmation of the abiding love and happiness you have found with each other.

Treasure this precious relationship through the years to come.

Today marks a new beginning for you both as legal partners and I hope you look back on this day with happiness, love and laughter.

You have both made the declaration that is required by law and a made a solemn and binding contract with other in the presence of your witnesses and guests here today. I am delighted to announce that from this day forward you are now joined together as civil partners

You may if you wish seal your partnership with a kiss

SIGNING OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP 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 _____

It just remains for me to ask you all to stand...and join us in offering congratulations to _____ and _____