

# Surrey Marriage Scripts



**SURREY**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

# CLASSIC CEREMONY

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

## The Ceremony

[name] and [name] have asked you to witness their marriage vows, and to share with them the happiness of this very special occasion.

As no legal objection has been declared against your marriage, it may now take place.

Although your guests know you very well, the law requires that you fully identify yourselves:

**Person 1:** [name], may I have your full names please; and **Person 2:** [name], may I have your full names please.

The place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned, according to the law, for the celebration of marriages. Before you are joined in matrimony, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage, in this country, means the union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusion of all others.

## Declaratory Section

Please choose your declaratory words from **A**, **B** or **C** below

- A:** I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, Person 1/Person 2, may not be joined in matrimony to Person 2/Person 1
- B:** I declare that I know of no legal reason why I, **Person 1/Person 2**, may not be joined in marriage to **Person 2/Person 1**.
- C:** Please reply 'I am' to the following question:  
"Are you **Person 1/Person 2**, free lawfully to marry **Person 2/Person 1**

## Contractual Section

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- A:** I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, **Person 1/Person 2**, do take thee, **Person 2/Person 1**, to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband)
- B:** I **Person 1/Person 2**, take you **Person 2/Person 1**, to be my wedded wife (or husband)
- C:** I **Person 1/Person 2**, take thee **Person 2/Person 1**, to be my wedded wife (or husband)

## Ceremony with Rings

You may choose to exchange one or two rings at this part of the ceremony.

The giving and receiving of a wedding ring(s) is a traditional way of sealing your marriage contract.

It is the outward sign of the love you share, and the commitment you have made to one another.

### Two rings

**Person 1:** [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.  
**Person 2:** [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.

### One ring

**Person 1:** [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.  
**Person 2:** [name] I accept this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of your love.

## **Ceremony without rings**

If you have chosen not to exchange rings as part of your ceremony you may like to include this option:

The vows and promises you have exchanged are the foundation for your future together, and a confirmation of the abiding love and happiness you have found with each other. Treasure this precious relationship through the years to come.

**Person 1:** [name] I give you my hand as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.

**Person 2:** [name] I give you my hand as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.

## **Pronouncement**

[name] and [name], you have made a statement to those around you of the relationship you wish to cherish and share. A strong marriage is formed by love and friendship, by learning to compromise, and by caring for one another. This is the core of your marriage and the reason you are here. Today marks a new beginning for you both as a married couple and we hope you look back on this day with happiness, love and laughter.

You have made the declarations that are required by law and made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses (and guests) here today. I am delighted to announce that, from this day forward, you are now husband and wife/ legally married to each other /husband and husband/wife and wife

**You may like to share a kiss at this point of the ceremony**

## **Announcement to legal procedures**

The Registrar will complete the legal paperwork, before the signing of the register.

The register will be signed by all parties

Conclusion of the ceremony

The couple exit the ceremony room unless the ceremony is being followed by a religious or cultural ceremony (at a Licensed Venue only). In this instance, the registrars will hand over to your chosen celebrant and leave the room before your ceremony commences.

# I DO CEREMONY

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## The Ceremony

[name] and [name] are here to formally pledge their love, to be united in marriage, and to 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.

This ceremony provides the opportunity to bring friends and family together, to celebrate the happiness of [name] and [name]

We are here to witness, what is at heart, a private moment between them, as they dedicate themselves to each other.

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## 'I Do' promise

**Person 1:** Do you promise to love, respect, comfort and protect [name], and to share with **her/him**, all that you are and all that is yet to be? 'I Do'

**Person 2:** Do you promise to love, respect, comfort and protect [name], and to share with **him/her**, all that you are and all that is yet to be? 'I Do'

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You may choose to exchange one or two rings at this part of the ceremony.

The ring has long been the symbol of vows taken in marriage. Although these rings are beautiful in their own right, it is the bond of love they represent that makes them priceless. These rings, chosen with love and care, are the outward sign of the promises you have made today.

### Two Rings

**Person 1:** [name] with this ring, I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

**Person 2:** [name] with this ring, I promise to be true to you, to support you and to be there when you need me most. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

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### Pronouncement

[name] and [name] your marriage is a celebration of the love you have for each other, a partnership of tenderness and compassion, and is based on mutual trust and respect. When two people pledge to love and care for each other in marriage, they create an identity unique to themselves, which binds them closer than any written or spoken word.

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