

Surrey Marriage Scripts



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

CLASSIC CEREMONY

Entrance of the wedding party

Welcome and introductions by the Superintendent Registrar

Escort Words (Optional)

[name] you have escorted [name] here today, are you willing to give **her/his** hand to [name] in the knowledge that **he /she** will be a kind and loving **husband/wife** and take good care of **her/him** throughout their married life? Reply 'I am'

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.

A reading can be inserted here

Declaratory Section

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

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- 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**.
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Ceremony with Rings

The ring bearer will be asked to present the ring(s)

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.

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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 schedule.

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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.

One Ring

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]. I accept this ring, and 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.

Ceremony without Rings

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

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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.

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

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ALWAYS AND FOREVER CEREMONY

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The Ceremony

[name] and [name] have asked you to witness their marriage vows, and to share with them their happiness as they start their married life. Being here today is an expression of the love, respect, and true friendship they have for each other. Together, they will be stronger to meet whatever life holds for them.

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 [name] and **Person 2** [name] may I have your full names please.

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Marriage is a promise between two people who love each other and wish to spend their future together. It is making a commitment to share their dreams and memories, their joy and laughter; and to help and support one another through whatever life brings. It calls for trust, understanding and encouragement, a willingness to accept each other as they are, and the courage to grow and change together. [name] and [name] have found happiness, fulfilment and love, and they now wish to affirm their relationship.

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'I Will' promise

Person 1: Will you promise to love, respect and cherish [name], will you comfort and support **her/him** in times of need and share your laughter in times of joy. Will you remain loving, faithful and true to **her/him** throughout your life together? 'I will'

Person 2: Will you promise to love, respect and cherish [name], will you comfort and support **him/her** in times of need and share your laughter in times of joy. Will you remain loving, faithful and true to **him/her** throughout your life together? 'I will'

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We now come to the exchange of rings; this is the traditional way of sealing your vows. The wedding ring is an unbroken circle symbolising unending and everlasting love. It is the outward sign of the love you share, and of the commitment you are making to each other.

Two rings

Person 1: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage, and as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

Person 2: [name] I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage, and as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

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Person 1 [name] I give you my hand, as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever **Person 2** [name] I give you my hand, as a token of my love and lasting friendship, always and forever

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Pronouncement

[name] and [name] you have made promises to one another, and created a partnership, which will allow you to share and give generously from the heart. It is the most that two people in love can do to show, not only to themselves, but to those around them, the love and deep devotion they have for one another. Your marriage will enrich the bond of love which will strengthen and grow as you share your future, bringing you many joys and riches as you travel through the stages of married life.

Our wish for you is that you always treat each other as unique individuals; respect each other's ideas, suggestions and traditions, and remind yourselves often of what brought you here,

together, today. These celebrations are just the start of a lifetime of precious memories. You have made the declarations required by law, and you have made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses, your family and your friends. You have given to each other a promise of lifelong love and commitment. May you live in each other's love, delight in each other's company and may your home be a source of strength and happiness.

[name] and [name] It gives me great pleasure to announce that, from this day forward, you are now husband and wife/ legally married to each other /husband and husband/ wife and wife.

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