

Framework for the Performance of a Civil Partnership Conversion to Marriage Ceremony

The Superintendent Registrar conducting your ceremony will include much more detail than is outlined below. The following is an example of the structure of the ceremony to give you an idea what to expect on your special day and to allow you to choose which promises you would like to say to each other. If you have chosen a reading the registrar will include that for you

Welcome:

The ceremony will begin with a short introduction by the Celebrant who will extend a welcome to you and your invited guests.

Couple to sign the declaration document followed by the Superintendent Registrar (The Couple may read the declaration words aloud if they wish but there is no obligation to do so)

Pronouncement

Formal Procedures

Promises: (repeated after the celebrant)

(The couple must choose either A, B or C)

Option A

..... I re-affirm my promise to love, comfort and protect you, to cherish and respect you, and to share my life with you, always and forever.

Option B

.....I re-affirm my promise to be true to you, to support you, and to be there when you need me most, whatever the future may bring. I give you my hand, my heart and my love.

Option C

Couple write their own promises to be approved in advance

Reading: (if chosen)

Exchange of rings/tokens: (repeated after the celebrant)

(The couple must choose either A,B,C)

A

....., please wear this ring always, as a sign of our marriage, and as a reminder of the promises we have made to each other.

B

Retaining Previous Rings

.....this ring is a sign of my abiding love and lasting friendship, treasure it always.

C

No Ring Option

.....I promise to cherish and care for you, to be true to you, through good times and bad, for the rest of my life

Reading (if chosen)

Closing words followed by exit of the couple and their guests