

Wedding Ceremony Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to us in advance of your wedding day.

You can email it to: registeroffice@darlington.gov.uk; or

You can post it to: The Register Office, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT.

If you have any further queries you can email us or ring us on 01325 406 400.

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| Day and date of your wedding | |
| Time of your wedding | |
| Venue of your wedding (if the Register Office specify): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statutory Marriage Room• The Foyer• The Council Chamber | |
| Full names of the couple being married and any preferred names (eg. Christopher/Chris). | 1. 2. |
| Number of guests attending other than the couple being married. | |
| Name of Best Man (if relevant) | |
| The rings will be passed by: Or The rings will be left on the table with the registrar. | If yes, name: |
| How many weddings rings are there | |
| Is someone giving the bride away ? | If yes, name: |

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| Are there any bridesmaids, if yes how many ? | |
| For a hotel wedding only: Is the bride arriving by car or getting changed at the hotel ? | |
| Names of the witnesses | 1. 2. |
| Is your music recorded or live ? | |
| Do you have a nominated photographer ? | |
| Do you have a nominated videographer ? | |
| What vows are you saying: Legal Vows (choose a, b or c) Additional vows (choose A; B; C; D; E; F or G) Legal Vows (choose a, b or c) Additional vows (choose A; B; C; D; E; F or G) | Party 1: Your Name: Choice: Choice: Party 1: Your Name: Choice: Choice: |
| Is there a reading by a guest during the ceremony ? If yes, what is their name ? | |
| Is there any other information that you feel we should know ? | |

Choice of vows

Please do not worry about saying your vows. The registrar will say them with you very slowly and only a few words at a time.

You must choose at least one of the legally binding vows and can if you want to extend your vows with additional vows, again these words are said with the registrar only a few at a time and at a slow pace. With the additional vows the two parties being married may choose different vows or the same.

Legally binding Vows

You must choose from either A, B or C. Declaratory vows are said at the beginning of the ceremony and Contractual Vows are said at the point of exchanging rings (if rings are exchanged). Saying the contractual vows is the point of the marriage ceremony at which you become legally married.

Option A:

Declaratory Words: "I do solemnly declare, that I know not, of any lawful impediment, why I may not be joined in matrimony to" "

Contractual Words: "I give this ring, as a token of my love, and as a reminder, of our marriage vows. I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I do take thee to be my lawful wedded husband/wife."

Option B:

Declaratory Words: "I declare that I know, of no legal reason, why I may not be joined in marriage to....."

Contracting Words: "I take you to be my lawful wedded husband/wife."

Option C:

Declaratory Words: By replying "I am" to the question "Are you free to lawfully marry..... ?"

Contracting Words: "I take you to be my lawful wedded husband/wife."

Optional Extra Vows

A standard Register Office marriage ceremony is relatively short lasting only about 15 minutes and we could encourage you to say additional vows to each other following the contractual vows and during the exchange of rings. You may choose to say the same or different vows to each other, or you can write your own (provided they have no religious content) Our options are:

Option A

And I promise to care for you, with love and friendship, to support and comfort you, through good times and through troubled times. I promise to care for you, with love and patience, to respect and cherish you, and to be faithful always. These promises I make to, you for the rest of my life.

Option B

When you are weak I will strengthen you; when you are sad, I will comfort you, and when you need me, I will be there. In happiness I will laugh with you. And in our life together, I will be forever faithful. I give you this ring, as a token of my enduring love. With my heart I pledge to you, all that I am, and all that I will become. With this ring I marry you, and join my life to yours.

Option C

I promise to give you, my love and friendship, to be there for you when you need me most, to laugh and cry with you, to trust and confide in you. I promise to give you my comfort, support and respect, to share all I have with you, and to be faithful always. These promises I make to you, for the rest of my life.

Option D

I promise to love and care for you, and to be faithful to you always. May we look to our future together with hope, happiness and joy. May we remember this day, keeping it perfect in our hearts, forever.

Option E

Today I am secure in the knowledge, that you will be a constant friend, my faithful partner in life and my one true love. Today I give to you, in the presence of these witnesses, my promise to support you, through the good times and the bad. I promise to love you without reservation, comfort you in times of distress, encourage you to achieve your aims, always be open and honest with you, and cherish you as long as we both shall live.

Option F

I take you to be my husband/wife. To have and to hold from this day forward. Through sickness and in health, through happiness and sadness. I give to you, my unending love and devotion. I promise to respect and cherish you, and to be faithful always. I look forward, to spending the rest of my life with you, and will love you always.

Option G - Own vows (subject to approval by the Superintendent Registrar).

Notes about music

In an approved venue ie. hotel you will need to give any music you have to the hotel staff which should include:

1. Music for the seating of the guests.
2. Entrance of the bride.
3. Signing of the Register and the official photograph
4. Exit of the couple

The format of the music eg. cd or ipod etc should be discussed with the venue.

At the register office you should give any music to the register on the day or if you prefer you can leave it with us beforehand and it should include:

1. Entrance of the bride.
2. 2. Signing of the Register and the official photograph
3. Exit of the couple

You may bring either a CD or have the music pre download to a device such as a mobile phone or mp3 player. We do not have a wi-fi connection so the music must be pre downloaded to the device. Copy CD's cannot be guaranteed to play but we will try it for you before the wedding day if you wish.