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Your guide to memorable ceremonies in Gloucestershire



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Welcome and Introduction by the Registration Staff

You may select one of the following introductions:-

- W1** xxx and XXX wish to thank you for being here. They are delighted that you are able to share in their joy during this wonderful moment in their lives. By your presence, you celebrate with them the love they have discovered in each other and you support their decision to commit themselves to one another for the rest of their lives.
- W2** xxx and XXX have asked you here today because each one of you has touched their lives in some special way. They hold you, their family and friends, as a valued part of what they are as individuals, and what they will become when they are joined in this partnership commitment. Your presence is a gift of support and caring and they appreciate your sharing in this very special moment.
- W3** XXX and XXX, we are privileged to share today's happy occasion with you. We are here, not only to witness your commitment to each other, but also to wish you every happiness in your future life together. Within its framework of commitment and loyalty, Civil Partnership enables the establishment of a home, where through trust, patience and respect, the love and affection which you have for each other may develop into a deep and lasting relationship.

Giving Away of one or both partners

You may include the option below of *giving away* with any of the introductions

- GA** Who supports xxx and XXX in their partnership?
That/those person(s) step(s) forward and say(s) "I/We do".

Promises

You may select one of the following:-

- P1** I promise to love and care for you and I will try in every way to be worthy of your love. I will always be honest with you, kind, patient and forgiving, but most of all, I promise to be a true and loyal friend to you.
- P2** I will be understanding and trust in you completely. Together we will face all of life's experiences and share one another's dreams and goals. I promise I will be your equal partner in a loving and honest relationship for the rest of our lives.
- P3** I promise to love you, to be your best friend, to respect and support you, to be patient with you, to accept you unconditionally, and to share life with you throughout the years.

The Giving and Receiving of Rings

You may select one of the following expressions to be used:-

- R1** I give you this ring as a symbol of the vows we have made. I pledge you my love and respect through the good times and the bad times, today and always.
- R2** I offer you this ring as a sign of our unity. I commit here and now to share all that I am and all that I may become.
- R3.** Please accept this ring as a symbol of our partnership, for today, tomorrow and forever. Wear it as a sign of all we have promised and done this day.

Conclusion of the Ceremony and Signing of the Schedule

This is the finale to the proceedings when you will sign the schedule. You may choose one of the following to conclude your ceremony:

- C1** May the love that has brought you here together continue to grow and enrich your lives. Meet with courage any problems, which challenge you. May your relationship always be one of love and trust. Let the happiness you share today be with you forever and everything you have said and done here today become a living truth in your lives.
- C2** As you affirm your commitment to one another always remember that you should cherish each other as special and unique individuals, and to respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges and live each day that you may share it together. From this day you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your partnership strengthened by your love and respect.
- C3** Today does not mark the start of a relationship, but recognises the bond that already exists. This ceremony is an affirmation of that bond. You have declared the commitment you have made to each other and combined your two separate lives into one. Although sharing one life, never forget that you are two separate people. Cherish and affirm your differences. Keep your commitment foremost in your minds and hearts.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO MEMORISE YOUR WORDS