

What is a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony?

This ceremony is for married couples who wish to celebrate renewing their marriage vows in a unique and personal ceremony. The Ceremony could be to celebrate a special anniversary such as tenth or twenty-fifth, but the ceremony is just as appropriate at any stage of marriage. Many couples who marry abroad choose to renew their marriage vows in a special ceremony held for family and friends on their return.

Where can the Ceremony take place?

The ceremony can be held;

Within one of our register offices at Solihull or Chelmsley Wood

Within the ceremony suite (situated within the register office at Solihull)

At a Venue (i.e. hotel) a list is shown below.

- The Ceremony Suite(within Solihull register Office)
- Arden Hotel and Leisure Centre
- Corus Hotel, Solihull
- Crowne Plaza Birmingham NEC
- The Forest Hotel
- Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel
- The Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport
- Manor Hotel, Meriden
- Hogarths
- Nailcote Hall Hotel
- St. Johns Solihull
- The Strawberry Bank Hotel & Restaurant
- Ramada Jarvis Hotel
- West Midlands Golf Club
- Haigs Hotel Ltd
- The National Motorcycle Museum

Please contact us if you wish to hold the ceremony elsewhere.

Order of ceremony

Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony may contain the following sections but will be personalised to your own requirements:

- Introduction and Welcome by the Ceremony Officer
- Readings
- Renewal of Vows
- Rededication of Ring(s) or
- Giving of New Ring(s)
- Acknowledgement of any children
- Words or Reading from previous wedding guest e.g. Best Man/Bridesmaid
- Witnesses
- Closing Words

Is there a Certificate?

A souvenir Certificate is signed at the end of the ceremony by the couple, two witnesses and the ceremony officer.

How long does the Ceremony last?

This will depend on the number of elements you wish to include and the room you choose. However, we recommend you allow about 30 minutes for the register office and about 45 minutes for the Ceremony Suite and other venues

How much will it cost?

Ceremony Suite , Register Office or Chelmsley Wood Ceremony Room

To give notice at £30.00 each Payable at the time of booking if Solihull District or on the day to the Superintendent Registrar where notice is given	By Appointment	£ 60.00
'The Ceremony Suite' (Seating up to 60 people) Marriage Civil Partnership (Payable at the time of booking)	Monday – Thursday	£153.50 Including certificate
	Friday, Saturday, & Bank Holiday	£203.50 Including certificate
'The Register office ' (Seating up to 8 people) or 'The Ceremony Room' Chelmsley Wood (Seating up to 30 people) Marriage Civil Partnership (Payable at the time of booking)	Monday – Saturday	£43.50 Including certificate

Licensed Venues

To give notice at £30.00 each Payable at the time of booking if Solihull District or on the day to the Superintendent Registrar where notice is given	By Appointment	£ 60.00
Approved Venues (Hotels) Marriage* Civil Partnership* (Payable at the time of booking)	Monday – Thursday	£303.50* Including certificate
	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	£353.50* Including certificate
	Bank Holiday	£453.50* Including certificate

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Payment must be made at the time of booking, (a full refund will be given should the ceremony not go ahead). A confirmation letter will be sent to confirm the booking and payment.

Who can have the Ceremony?

Any married couple of any age and married for any length of time. You do not need to live in the area where you want your ceremony.

Does the Ceremony have any legal status?

NO. The ceremony has no legal status and is not legally binding on those who participate.

Does the Ceremony have any religious content?

NO. The ceremony is non religious.

How do I arrange to book a Ceremony?

Complete and return the enclosed booking form

Further Information Contact:

**Solihull Register Office
Homer Road
Solihull
West Midlands
B91 3QZ**

Tel: 0121-704 8002
Fax: 0121-704 6123
E-mail: connectcc@solihull.gov.uk

CRM Ref No:



Renewal of Vows Ceremony

Booking Form

Contact Name	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Preferred Date	
Preferred Time	
Venue	

Full name of Partner 1	
Full name of Partner 2	
What promises would you like to make? (see attached sheet)	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2
Please Circle the reading(s) you would like. Select 1 reading if venue is the register office at Solihull or Chelmsley Wood. Select 2 readings if venue The ceremony Suite or other venue We have suggested some on the	Number(s) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Or the title of your own choice

<p>separate sheet or you can choose your own. (Please note poems should not contain any religious content)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>(please remember to enclose a copy with this form)</p>
<p>Your celebrant is happy to read for you, if you would like a family member or friend to read please give their name(s)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Celebrant to read</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Member / friend to read</p> <p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>What option would you like to for exchange rings (optional)</p> <p>(see attached sheet)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Option A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Option B</p>
<p>Names of witnesses (optional)</p>	<p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p>
<p>Do you have any other special requests for the ceremony?</p>	
<p>Is there anyone who cannot be present whom you would like to be mentioned?</p>	<p>(Reason – if appropriate)</p>

If you prefer you can make your booking by telephone on 0121 704 8002, the agent will ask you the same questions shown in the form and will take payment by Debit card or Credit Card

Please return this booking form along with your payment to:

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Please make cheques and postal payable to Solihull MBC and note your name address and reference number on the back.

If you wish to pay by Debit Card or *Credit Card please telephone 0121 704 8002, you will need to have your booking reference number handy.

***Please note that the credit card companies charge a fee of £1.50 per transaction**



The Ceremony

Please note: We work very hard with you as a couple to personalise the ceremony to ensure that you get something that is meaningful. We are happy to change around the wording if there are things that you would like said that you feel are more suitable, we can tailor it to reflect, recent marriages abroad, special anniversaries or other significant events and include mentions for absent guests. In short pretty much everything that you want from a ceremony (providing it is not religious in any way), can be catered for.

Music to walk in (Remember – nothing religious)

Celebrants Intro

Ladies and Gentlemen, (Man) and (Woman), were married (X) numbers of years ago on (date) at (Venue), indeed some of you may have been there on that happy occasion. Today (Man) and (Woman) have gathered around them those whom they love the most, they have invited you here to receive your encouragement and support as they re-affirm their marriage vows. I know that they have been grateful over the years for the love and care that they have received from all of you during good times and not so good times.

Marriage is not an easy path, it requires devotion, the ability to listen, the wisdom to know when we are wrong and the strength to put things right. Marriage is a desire by two people to share themselves and their experiences with each other and a willingness to accept each other for who they are.

A successful marriage makes many demands. One of the many strengths demanded is courage. Over the years you have to find the courage to be open, the courage to grow and change and the courage to sort out together the tasks of every day living.

Children (This section is optional or could be altered to apply to other dependents)

From this loving union, there have been (X) children, (Names of Children). These children have benefited from the love, stability, support and encouragement given by (Man) and

(Woman). We hope that they will continue to benefit from the example shown to them by (Man) and (Woman) for many years to come.

READING 1(optional) – This can be of your choice or can be discussed with the registrar prior to the ceremony.

(Partner 1) and (Partner 2) please stand.

Marriage requires closeness and distance, Closeness of a couple growing together and enough distance to allow each partner to be an individual. A good partner in such a marriage will be loving, caring and above all – a best friend.

It is in this spirit that (Partner 1) and (Partner 2) are now before us. In each other's company within the bonds of marriage, they have found happiness, fulfilment and love. They will now re-affirm their relationship by making new vows of commitment before you all today.

Ladies and gentlemen, as an acknowledgment of what is about to take place would you all please stand.

(Partner 1) and (Partner 2) turn and face one another and repeat after me

Choose from the following suggestions:

Option 1

I re-affirm my love, support and respect for you my (Husband/Wife/Partner)

As we look to the future let us stand strong, sure and faithful in the path of things yet to come.

Option 2

I re-affirm my promise to you to care for you, to give you my love and friendship, to support and comfort you and to respect and cherish you throughout our lives together.

RINGS – Options- No Rings (please omit this paragraph), New Rings, Existing Rings

We have now come to the exchange of rings, which is the traditional way of sealing the vows that you have just made. The wedding ring is the unbroken circle, symbolising unending and everlasting love and is the outward sign of the lifelong promises that you have made to each other

((Man) and (Woman) will now re-affirm their love and promises to each other with the rings that they exchanged on their wedding day)

Who has the ring for (Partner 1) to give to (partner 2)?

Choose From the Following

Option A

I gave (give)(accept)(accepted) this ring as a token of my love and affection. (I will) Continue to wear it with happiness and pride now and always

Option B

This ring is given (taken) with happiness and pride as a symbol of our continuing love and commitment to each other

READING 2 (optional) – This can be of your choice or can be discussed with the registrar prior to the ceremony.

(Partner 1) and (Partner 2) you have in this brief ceremony renewed your commitment to each other. The next words that I say today I am sure the sentiments are echoed by everyone here today, those words are:

May the two of you always be the answers to each others questions
The gift for each other's needs,
And the reason for each other's happiness.
May the love that you are feeling today,
Continue to grow stronger and deeper
As you travel through all of your tomorrows.

Congratulations to you both!! (Partner 1/2) you may once again kiss your bride!!

Round of applause

Ladies and gentlemen all that remains to be done now is for (partner 1) and (Partner 2) and their two witnesses (name) and (name) to sign the record of the ceremony. Please feel free to take some photographs.

Music for signing the ceremonial certificate (Non Religious).**Music to Walk Out to (Non Religious)**



Readings

You are welcome to provide readings that you wish to be included in your ceremony, just include a copy with your application; please remember that these must not contain any religious content.

1. Suggested Readings

I promise

Dorothy R Colgen

I promise to give you the best of myself
and to ask of you no more than you can give.

I promise to respect you as your own person and to
realise that your interests, desires and needs are
no less important than my own.

I promise to share with you my time and my attention and
to bring joy, strength and imagination to our relationship.

I promise to keep myself open to you, to let you see through
the window of my world, into my innermost fears and feelings,
secrets and dreams.

I promise to grow along with you to be willing to face changes
in order to keep our relationship alive and exciting.

I promise to love you in good times and in bad, with all I have
to give and all I feel inside in the only way I know how.

Completely and Forever.

2.

The Art of Marriage

A good marriage must be created.

In marriage the little things are the big things...

It is remembering to say "I love you" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep feeling angry.

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives.

It is standing together and facing the World.

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family.

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude
in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is creating an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful in each other.

IT IS NOT ONLY MARRYING THE RIGHT PERSON –
IT IS BEING THE RIGHT PARTNER.

3.

Guide for a Loving Home

May we treat each other with respect, honesty and care.
May we share the little discoveries and changes each day brings.

May we try always to be sensitive to one another's
joys, sorrows, needs and changing moods, and
realise that being a loving family means sometimes
not understanding everyone all the time but being
there to love and help them just the same.

4.

Love is Giving

Love is giving, not taking,
mending, not breaking,
trusting, believing
never deceiving,
patiently bearing
and faithfully sharing
each joy, every sorrow,
today and tomorrow.
Love is kind, understanding
but never demanding.
Love is constant, prevailing,
it's strength never failing.
A promise once spoken
for all time unbroken,
A lifetime together,
Love's time is for ever.

5.

The Promise of Marriage

Betty Meekes

Marriage is a promise of companionship,
Of having someone to share all of life's experiences.
Marriage does not promise that there will not be any rough times, just the assurance
that there will always be someone who cares and will help you through better times.

Marriage does not promise eternal romance,
Just eternal love and commitment.

Marriage can't prevent disappointments,
disillusionment, or grief,
But it can offer hope, acceptance and comfort.

6.

What is Marriage

It is sharing and caring
Giving and forgiving
Loving and being loved
Walking hand in hand
Talking heart to heart
Seeing through each others eyes

Laughing together
Weeping together
And always trusting and believing
In each other
For love that is shared is a beautiful thing
It enriches the soul and makes the heart sing.

7.

Where There is Love

Where there is love
The heart is light,
Where there is love
The day is bright,
Where there is love
There is a song
To help when things
Are going wrong.
Where there is love
There is a smile
To make all things
Seem more worthwhile.
Where there is love
There's quiet peace,
A tranquil place –
Love changes darkness
Into light
And makes the heart
Take "wingless flight".
Oh, blest are they
Who walk in love.

8.

Give Lavishly! Live Abundantly!

The more you give,
the more you get –
The more you laugh,
the less you fret –
The more you do
unselfishly,
The more you live
abundantly.....
The more of everything
you share
The more you'll always
have to spare –
The more you love
the more you'll find
from day to day
that life is good
and friends are kind.....
For only what

we give away,
enriches us.

9.

Marriage Joins Two People in the Circle of its Love

Edmund O'Neill

Marriage is a commitment to life, the best that two people can find and bring out in each other. It offers opportunities for sharing and growth that no other relationship can equal. It is a physical and an emotional joining that is promised for a lifetime.

Within the circle of its love, marriage encompasses all of life's most important relationships. A wife and a husband are each other's best friend, confidante, lover, teacher, listener and critic. And there may come times when one partner is heartbroken or ailing, and the love of the other may resemble the tender caring of a parent for a child.

Marriage deepens and enriches every facet of life. Happiness is fuller, memories are fresher, commitment is stronger, even anger is felt more strongly, and passes away more quickly.

Marriage understands and forgives the mistakes life is unable to avoid. It encourages and nurtures new life, new experiences and new ways of expressing a love that is deeper than life.

When two people pledge their love and care for each other in marriage, they create a spirit unique unto themselves which binds them closer than any spoken or written words. Marriage is a promise, a potential made in the hearts of two people who love each other and takes a lifetime to fulfil.

10.

Love

Love is soft
And love is gentle,
Love is tender
Sentimental,
A lasting bond
That holds two hearts
Together.

Love is thoughtful,
Love is knowing,
Love is strong
And ever growing,
A rich, deep joy
That fills two hearts
Forever.

Love is special
Love is sweet,
Love is what makes
Life complete.
Love is giving
Love is kind,
Love is joy
And peace of mind.

Love is laughter,
Seldom tears,
Sharing, caring,
Through the years.
Love is more

Than words express –
But mostly,
Love is happiness.