



STAFFORDSHIRE C E R E M O N I E S

Registration Services | Staffordshire County Council

MARRIAGE

Enhanced Ceremony Choices

*Joining of Hands
Readings*

Your Ceremony. Your Choice.



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Order of Ceremony

Option to play music as your guests wait for your ceremony to begin (approx. 15 minutes). Your music choice can be submitted via our online ceremony choices system.

Registrar announces start of ceremony.

You can choose how you enter the ceremony room. Would you like to enter the ceremony room together or have a more traditional entrance with one of you waiting for the other? Would you like anyone to accompany you, for example parent/s, sibling/s, bridesmaids, groomsmen, other.

If you would you like a special piece of music to be played you can inform us when you submit your online choices.

Welcome and Introduction by the Registrar

Giving Away

Option for either party (or both) to be given away. It is completely your choice as to who performs this special duty and joins you as you walk down the aisle.

Reading 1

Suitable place for a reading. You may choose from the readings provided, or submit your own. This can be read by the Registrar or one of your guests.

Declaratory Vows

Reading 2

Suitable place for a reading. You may choose from the readings provided, or submit your own. This can be read by the Registrar or one of your guests.

Contracting Vows

Promises

Option to include a promise to one another from our selection. You may choose to make the same promise to each other, a different one, or submit your own.

Exchanging of Rings

Option to include rings within your ceremony. You may both wish to exchange rings, or one of you may wish to give a ring to the other.

Sand or Joining of Hands Ceremony

Option to include Sand or Joining of Hands element within your ceremony.

Closing Remarks by Registrar

Signing of the Marriage Schedule

The Registrar will guide you as you sign the marriage schedule along with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 witnesses, chosen by you.

You will also have the choice of music to be played as you and your witness's sign.

Registrar's final words of well wishes.

Option to play a final song as you exit the ceremony room, followed by your guests.





Joining of Hands

accompanying words

*please see our selection
whilst you tie the knot -
if you prefer you can submit your own*

Hand Reading 1

These are the hands of your best friend,
young and strong and full of love for you,
that are holding yours on your wedding day
as you promise to love each other
today, tomorrow and forever.

These are the hands
that will work alongside yours
as together you build your future.

These are the hands
that will countless
times wipe the tears from your eyes,
tears of sorrow and tears of joy.

These are the hands
that will give you support
and encouragement
to chase down your dreams.

These are the hands
that will give you strength when you need it.

These are the hands
that will lift your chin and brush your cheek
as they raise your face
to look into eyes that are filled
with overwhelming love for you.

And lastly, these are the hands
that even when wrinkled and aged
will still be reaching for yours,
still giving you the same
unspoken tenderness
with just a touch.



Hand Reading 2

These are the hands of your best friend,
loving, caring that are holding yours on your
wedding day, as each of you pledges your love and
commitment to one another
all the days of your life.

These are the hands that will work alongside yours
as you build your future together, as you laugh and
cry, as you share
your innermost secrets and dreams.

These are the hands that will welcome you home
after a very long day.

These are the hands that will wipe the tears from
your eyes,
tears of sorrow and tears of Joy!

These are the hands that will hold you tight when
you struggle through difficult times.

These are the hands that will comfort you
when you are sick and console you when you are
grieving.

These are the hands that will love you and cherish
you throughout the years for a lifetime of happiness.

These are the hands that will give you support
knowing that together as a team everything you
wish for can be realised.

May your hands always be held by one another.
May they have the strength to hold on during the
storms of stress

and the darkness of disillusionment.

Keep them tender and other in wondrous love.



Hand Reading 3



Now join your hands,
and with your hands, your hearts.
These are the hands of the one you love and adore.

On this day, you promise
to love and honour one another
for all your days.

Reaching out to the one you love,
may you find strength.

Standing side by side, may you find partnership.

Sharing responsibilities and chores,
may you find equality and ease.

Helping each other in daily life and works,
may you find fulfilment.

Loving each other
through dark and light times,
may you find power.

Look deeply into one another's eyes, now,
and promise to always see one another
through the eyes of love.

As you hold hands,
may you warmly hold one another's hearts.

Our wish for you is that you build
an extraordinary life together.

May your marriage be
all you two would choose it to be!



Hand Reading 4

I asked you to join hands
as a symbol of the union
that you are making here today.
I'd like you to think about
the hands that you are holding.
These are the hands of your best friend
holding your hands on your wedding day
promising to love you
and to work together
as you build your future together.
These are the hands
that will give you strength
when you need strength,
tenderness when you need tenderness
and love when you need love.
These are the hands
that will countless times
wipe the tears from your eyes,
tears of sorrow but also tears of joy.
These are the hands
that will hold all those whom you love.
These are the hands
that years from now
will still be searching for your hands,
still seeking the love,
encouragement, and support
that each of you seeks from each other.





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