

Reaffirmation of Vows Ceremony – Wording

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 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) – (for suggested readings see attached list otherwise send a copy of your chosen reading to us)

(Man) and (Woman) 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 (Man) and (Woman) 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.

(Man) and (Woman) turn and face one another and repeat after me

Choose from the following

- **Option 1**

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

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 (Man) to give to (Woman)?

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) – (for suggested readings see attached list otherwise send a copy of your chosen reading to us)

(Man) and (Woman) 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!! (Man) you may once again kiss your bride!!

Round of applause

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

Music for signing of the Register (approx 10mins) (Remember Nothing Religious)

Music to Walk Out (Remember Nothing Religious)