



What is a celebrant?

A celebrant is a self-employed individual who is impartial of all religions and beliefs, who writes and conducts fully personalised ceremonies. Celebrants can conduct ceremonies for weddings, funerals, naming ceremonies and renewals of vows.

There are no rules for the structure or content of a celebrant-led ceremony, and therefore no restrictions related to legalities, customs, religion, or location.

This allows ceremonies to be held at any venue (licenced or not!), and for them to be fully personalised to include any words, readings, music, traditions or symbolic elements that you choose.

Celebrant or registrar? What is the difference?

A celebrant is trained to design and deliver a fully personalised ceremony. This is not a legally binding ceremony and there are not any rules for content or location.

A registrar is a government official, who is responsible for keeping legal records. Weddings delivered by registrars can only take place in licensed venues for marriage, and religious or spiritual content is not allowed in these ceremonies.

If you want the freedom that comes with a wedding celebrant, then what most couples do is choose to attend their local registry office to legally be married ahead of their ceremony, and then have a celebrant deliver the restriction free ceremony.

Some licensed venues may work with their own registrars, but you can always ask about the possibility of having your own celebrant deliver a ceremony and the registrar be there to carry out the formalities.

Can we write our own vows?

Absolutely! If you are thinking of choosing a celebrant for a wedding ceremony, they will work with you to hear all about your ideas, help provide some inspiration and get to know as much about you as they can. If you would like to write your own vows, then they will offer support if necessary. If you do not want to write your own vows, they will provide suggestions so that you can choose those most suited to you as a couple.

How long does the ceremony last?

This is completely up to you. As a guide, the duration for a ceremony with a basic structure for each of the following ceremony types is included below:

Naming ceremony: 25 minutes

Wedding ceremony: 30 – 40 minutes

Vow Renewal: 30 minutes

Celebration of life: 30 – 40 minutes

There are no rules to content, so if you would like numerous readings, songs or even a performance of some sort included, then they can be longer.

Do you travel?

Yes, I do. Travel costs will be factored into the overall cost of my service.

How much does a celebrant ceremony cost?

My basic rates, excluding travel fees or any additional charges above and beyond the typical ceremony are included below:

Naming ceremony: £300

Wedding ceremony: £650

Vow Renewal: £450

Celebration of life: £300