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You may choose from one of the following standard sets of declaratory and contracting words (these are a legal requirement and cannot be altered) which will form part of your marriage ceremony.

#### Ceremony A

##### Declaratory Words

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I ..... may not be joined in matrimony to .....

##### Contracting Words

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ..... do take thee ..... to be my lawfully wedded wife/husband.

#### Ceremony B

##### Declaratory Words

I declare that I know of no legal reason why I ..... may not be joined in marriage to .....

##### Contracting Words

I ..... take thee ..... to be my wedded wife/husband.

#### Ceremony C

##### Declaratory Words

The Officiating Registrar will ask 'Are you ..... free lawfully to marry .....?' to which you must reply, 'I am'.

##### Contracting Words

I ..... take you ..... to be my wedded wife/husband.

### Exchanging rings

If you and your partner are exchanging rings you may wish to incorporate some additional words. Our recommendation is:



'I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love.'

If however you wish to use your own words, these will need to be approved in advance by The Superintendent Registrar.

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