



Ceremony Structure

Announcements

Here I tell everyone to put their phone on silent, but it's an opportunity for me to pass on anything else you would like your guests to know this could be things such as:

- Please do (or don't) take photos during the ceremony
 - Please don't post photos on social media until the couple have posted the first one
 - When you would like people to throw confetti.
1. Arrival
 - What does your entrance look like?
 - What song will be played and why?
 2. Welcome and opening words
 3. First reading / poem
 - Let me know if this is something you would like and who will be reading it (that could even be me). I have a booklet with some readings you can choose from.
 4. Couple's journey
 - This is where I will talk about your relationship and values based on the answers you supply.
 5. Second reading / poem / song
 - This is optional
 6. Commitments to each other – this is optional, but could be:
 - a) Where you say a few sentences to each other
 - b) I can say the commitments for you and you repeat them back
 - c) We omit this section
 7. 'I do' and ring exchange
 - Who will have the rings?
 8. Optional symbolic addition
 - Eg. Hand fasting // Unity candle // Tree planting // Toast // Faith based addition // something else
 9. Kiss
 10. Signing of the certificate (optional)
 11. Closing words. Congratulate. Kiss
 12. Exit

Something to think about - Is there anyone who is no longer with us that you would like to remember as part of the ceremony? This doesn't have to be a BIG thing, I can just mention something along the lines of 'those who watch on from above' at the appropriate moment if you would like me to.