

# DIANA RAVEN

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***My speciality is to offer a wedding ceremony that is tailored to your own wishes and beliefs, and my particular aim is that you should have a relaxed and memorable ceremony where you feel completely comfortable and happy with everything that is said and everything that takes place.***

Your ceremony could be humanist or you could include some religious /spiritual elements. Many couples like to include one of the following special rituals along with their wedding vows;

- a handfasting
- a ringwarming,
- a sand ceremony
- a drink from a quaich or loving-cup
- the lighting of a unity candle.
- the signing of a (non-legal) document by those who are important to you who are present , for you to frame and keep as a memento of the day

Your ceremony would normally include a welcome and introduction to the ceremony, with thanks and remembrances; introduction of any readings or other contributions by family or friends; a choice of vows and/or your own vows; a blessing on your hands; an exchange of rings, and a final blessing on your wedding. These are just suggestions to give you a general idea, as it is really up to the two of you and I am more than happy to tailor a ceremony exactly to your requirements and after several years now as a wedding celebrant I have quite a bit of knowledge and experience to draw on! I am very happy to hold a preliminary Zoom or FaceTime call without obligation to talk through your ideas and your questions.

We would hold a longer planning meeting, preferably in person, but again, online if that suits you better, about 3 or 4 months before your wedding to talk through in detail what you would like to include. Then I would create a 'script', including any directions, for your wedding, which you can view in advance to be sure that you are happy with everything, and any alterations can be made to this as necessary.

If you would like to go ahead I would generally ask for a deposit of £100 to secure the date for you in my diary. My fee for a personalised wedding ceremony is £525, including travel. Your deposit will be deducted from your final payment, which will be due 3 weeks before your ceremony.

There is also a budget version available, more suitable for elopements or a very small number of guests, and for private gardens, or public spaces. There is less scope for personalisation for this version but you can still choose your own reading and include names of absent friends and family for remembrance. The fee for this budget version is £400.

There would be extra charge for the creation of a document to sign, frame and keep as a memento (£25).

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Here are some testimonials I have received!

***We just wanted to say a huge thank you for delivering our beautiful ceremony at Askham Hall. Everyone commented on how lovely and personal the service was – you perfectly captured what we were looking for, making it both low-key, relaxed and also meaningful. We had the most perfect of days and we're very glad you were a part of it.***

*S & N, August 2022*

***I just wanted to thank you again for the beautiful ceremony. All our guests especially our families were really moved and touched. You were absolutely wonderful and so happy you were a big part of this special day for us.***

*S & C, July 2022*

I just wanted to say thank you for the beautiful ceremony ... we both felt you were able to capture our relationship perfectly with the tribute. It was great to be able to share our "story" with our family, and I loved watching peoples' reactions to certain parts! The ceremony felt personal, but still serious. We had so many compliments on the ceremony from our family and friends. Thank you also for providing the "wedding certificate" - I think it meant a lot to our parents to be able to share in that moment, and now we can frame it for our home in Canada.

*R & L, September 2021*

We just wanted to thank you again for being such a big part of our amazing day. The words you wrote for the ceremony perfectly captured everything about us, our relationship and the commitment we wanted to make to each other. They were also a big cause of us sobbing, emotional, happy tears most of the way through it!! You were the perfect choice of Celebrant and we are so happy we found you. Everyone has commented on how wonderful and heartwarming the ceremony was, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*N & G, September 2019*

We have just gotten back from our honeymoon and we really wanted to get back in touch to say how over the moon we were with how well our ceremony went. The things you said during the ceremony were amazing and really beautiful!! We are so pleased that you could be a part of our special day. Thank you.

*D & P, June 2019*

