

## 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.

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 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 more than happy to hold a preliminary Zoom or FaceTime call without obligation to talk through your ideas and your questions. Normally, if you decide to go ahead, we would hold a 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 that 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 wedding ceremony is £525, including your deposit payment. There may be an extra charge for travel. However, if you are really on a budget and expecting only 12 guests or fewer, it would be less than this.

If you are looking for a legal marriage in Scotland, as a OneSpirit Interfaith Minister who used to live and work in Scotland, I can fulfil the requirements to conduct your legal ceremony by requesting authorisation through the office of the National Records of Scotland in Edinburgh. You can find out about the legal process you, the couple getting married, will need to go through by phoning your local Registration Office, or you can visit <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/registration/getting-married-in-scotland/how-do-i-go-about-it> . You would only require the basic paperwork from the Registration Office and I believe the fee for this is currently £100.

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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*

