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*Your day your way
perfect words make perfect memories*

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Welcome

Hi, I'm Nikki Wood, I am an experienced, award winning, Independent Celebrant based in Surrey.

Firstly, Congratulations!

I am delighted that you are considering me as your Celebrant for your Wedding, allow me to work with you to create and deliver a completely unique, personalised, heart-felt ceremony that will be remembered for all the right reasons.

There are no rules, there are no limitations! I will listen to your ideas and look forward to working with you to create a beautiful, tailor-made and personal ceremony, that reflects your style, values and personalities, delivered to the highest standard.

I have a real passion for creating ceremonies that are relaxed, warm and personal, every couple is unique and every ceremony should also be unique, so whether you are looking for a traditional, romantic, sentimental or quirky ceremony, I will work with you to bring your vision to life.



Why Work with Perfect Words Ceremonies?

I love what I do and particularly love the wonderful process of getting to know you and carefully crafting your perfect ceremony with beautiful words woven throughout that tell your story.

Being an award winning, experienced Celebrant, means you are in safe hands and the wonderful feedback from my couples and their guests will hopefully reassure you that you've come to the right place! I will work closely with you and your suppliers and will offer guidance and support to ensure that everything runs smoothly so you can relax and enjoy your big day.



You can be confident in the knowledge that I am professionally trained, certified and insured and a member of the Association of Independent Celebrants.

A Celebrant-led Wedding Ceremony



Let's get creative!

First of all, I'm a good listenerI would love to hear your ideas of how you envisage your ceremony, I can also discuss options with you and make suggestions, with a Celebrant ceremony you really can think outside the box and have the ceremony of your dreams. Together, we will carefully craft a tailor-made ceremony which shares your story and exceeds your expectations and we'll have fun along the way!

We can incorporate unique elements that are personal to you; perhaps a family tradition, acknowledgement of your culture or heritage or pretty much anything that encapsulates you as a couple perfectly, we can also include family, friends and children, in a way that is meaningful, if you wish.

“I do”

Your Vows

Many couples choose to write their own vows, it adds a real sense of meaning to the ceremony. I can provide you with resources to assist you and of course, I am more than happy to help or make suggestions.

Some couples are happier to choose vows that they can repeat after me, it is important that the promises you choose to make to each other really resonate with you and I have a vast selection of vows that you can choose from.



The Legalities

It is important to note that in England and Wales a celebrant-led ceremony is not legally binding, so, for your marriage to be recognised, you will need to give notice and complete the legal marriage registration at a Register Office either before or after your ceremony. Some registration districts are happy to deliver joint ceremonies with celebrants and this is an option we can discuss.

Completing your legal marriage registration at a Register Office is a straightforward process. A choice of ceremonies are offered, depending on how many guests you wish to join you. The simplest and cheapest option is just the two of you and two witnesses; you will say the contracting and declaratory words and sign the paperwork. You can save exchanging your vows and wedding rings for your celebrant ceremony.

It's a good idea to give notice and book your legal ceremony as soon as possible and I recommend you contact your local register office for further information and fees.

location, location



Ceremony Venue

A Celebrant ceremony gives you the freedom to hold your wedding in any location you choose and with the increase of so many beautiful wedding venues you have a fantastic choice available to you. Your venue does not have to be licensed for weddings, my couples have held their ceremonies in castles, stately homes, barns, fields, lakesides, ancient woodlands, beaches, on boats and also in their own gardens. If you have chosen to have an outdoor wedding, it is always wise to have a fall-back plan in case the weather turns.

Your ceremony can take place wherever and whenever you like, so if you have chosen a licensed venue, you are not restricted to licensed areas; you may wish to consider holding your ceremony in the beautiful gardens or make the most of the spectacular view? If your venue is a castle or a stately home, you may consider having the venue itself as an impressive backdrop?

Your ceremony can also be held at any time of day and as I only commit to one ceremony a day you will have my full attention.



Ways to enhance your ceremony



With a Celebrant ceremony you can be as creative and imaginative as you like, there are no limitations.

You may choose to include a symbolic ritual in your ceremony. Many of them symbolise joining together or involve wishing you good luck for your future life and is a lovely way of personalising your ceremony and also an opportunity to involve family members if you wish.

These can include Handfasting, Unity Candles, Sand Ceremony, Rose Ceremony, Ring Warming, or anything that is meaningful to you. I will explain the options available to you, or more detailed information is available on the website.

Henil & Dominique



Nikki made our ceremony truly amazing; it was the best day and the best ceremony we could have hoped for! We were blown away by the amount of people that came up to us and said it was the “best wedding that had witnessed”. So many of our guests asked us for her details, which we have more than happily passed on, and they all complimented how personal she made the ceremony and how it stood out from other wedding ceremonies. It was the perfect time and setting to reminisce about how we got together and the rose ceremony was a great addition; our guests really enjoyed that part of the ceremony. Thank you for you all your guidance and help in the lead up to the wedding, it was invaluable to making the day so special and really helped settle our nerves!

Thank you again!

Testimonials

Amy and Tommy

Nikki was absolutely amazing and I am so glad we chose her as our Celebrant; she told our love story perfectly. Nikki met with us a number of times before our special day and talked us through everything to make sure it was all as it should be and we were happy with everything. Our friends and family have said how beautiful our ceremony was and like no other they have been to before as it was so meaningful.

Thank you so much for everything Nikki we are so grateful



The Process

Initial Contact/Enquiry

Well done for taking the first step to have your unique, Celebrant ceremony that truly reflects you as a couple.

When I receive your enquiry, within 24 hours, I will confirm availability. If you ring me, it will always be me that answers the phone.

Social media – feel free to start following me on social media, I regularly post lovely images and useful blogs.

Consultation

We will arrange an initial no-obligation chat via Zoom and I will talk you through the process and listen to your ideas. This will give us an opportunity to get to know each other and we can discuss the wonderful options available to you and I will answer any questions you may have. We will also discuss how you plan to complete the legal registration of your marriage.

Securing my services

If you would like to proceed, I'll email you the Booking Form and Ts&Cs for your acceptance. To secure my services sign and return the Booking Form and transfer the booking fee.

Once received, I will confirm your date is blocked out in my diary and I will send you the password for the Couple's Area and our journey together will begin.



Creating your Ceremony

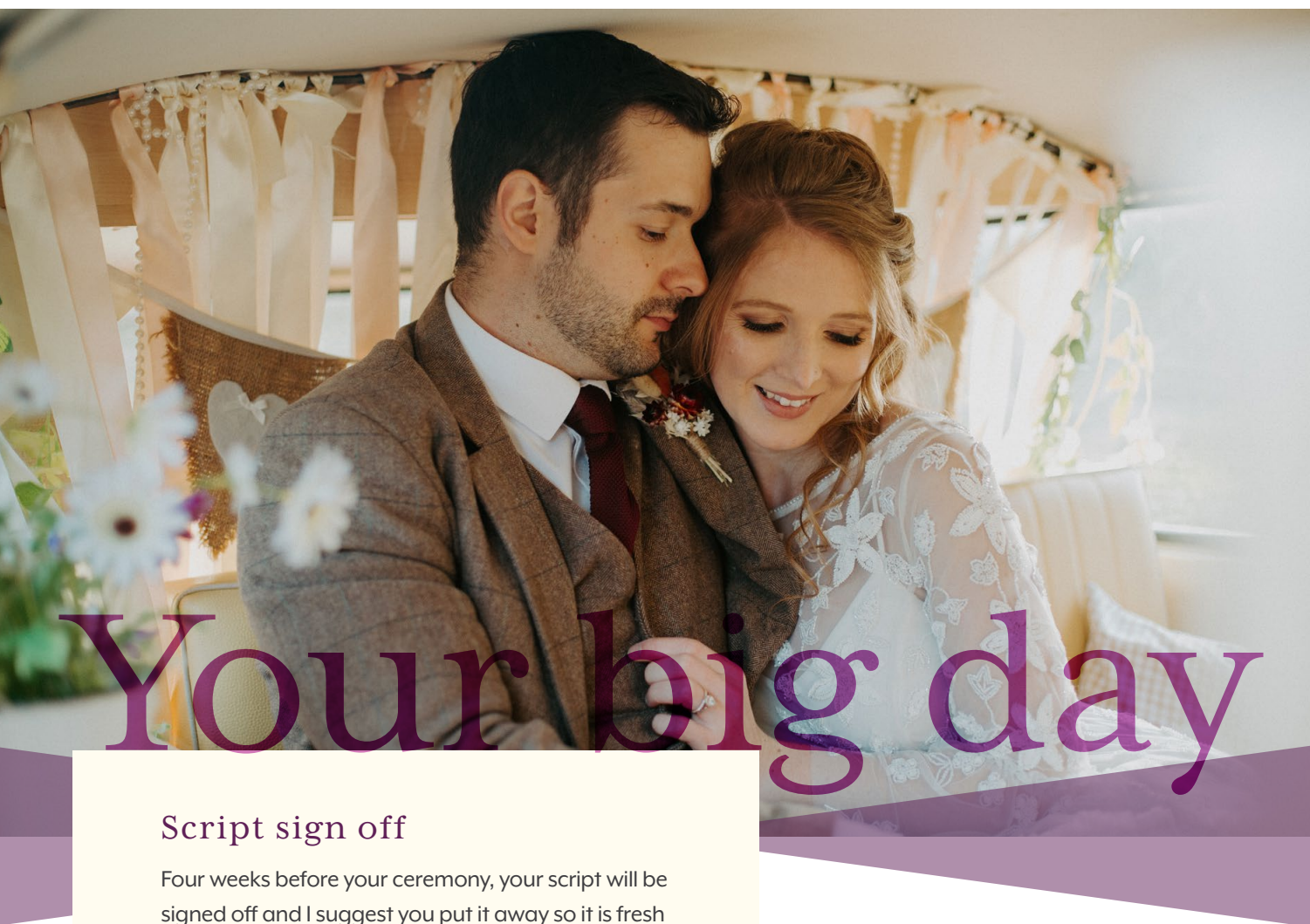
This is where the lovely part of our journey together truly begins and I really encourage your interaction so we can create your perfect ceremony.

Take your time to explore the Couple's Area on my website, this is password protected and only accessed by my couples; soak up all the wonderful information and resources provided which will really start to build your excitement.

We will then arrange our first Ceremony Planning Meeting either in person or on Zoom. This takes two hours and we will discuss every aspect of your ceremony. I will prepare a Ceremony Planning Document which we will update throughout the process to keep track of your decisions.

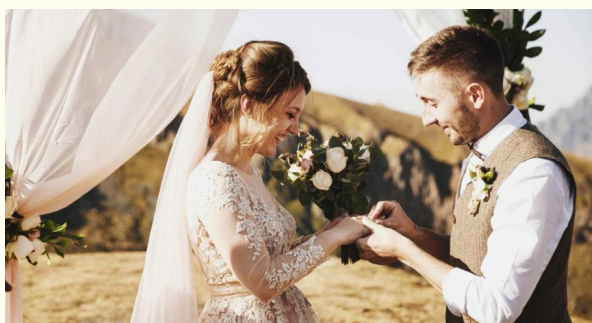
An important part of the process is the Getting To Know You Questionnaire which will allow me to really understand your relationship and your love story. I will use your answers to carefully craft your highly personalised ceremony so it will be memorable, meaningful and amazing!

8 weeks before your ceremony, I will email you the first draft of your beautiful, unique ceremony script and welcome your feedback. The balance of my fee is also due at this time. Over the next four weeks we will edit the script as many times as necessary to ensure you are thoroughly happy with every word of it.



Script sign off

Four weeks before your ceremony, your script will be signed off and I suggest you put it away so it is fresh on the day and we see your natural reactions. If you wish to write your personal promises, I am at hand to guide you.



Rehearsal

A complimentary rehearsal either in person or on-line is included in my fee and this typically takes place during the week before your ceremony and is subject to availability. Alternatively, I will provide positioning diagrams with step by step instructions and will arrive early on your wedding day to run through with key members of your wedding party.

I will also liaise with your suppliers and venue ahead of your day to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Your Wedding Ceremony

Your big day has arrived! This is your time to relax and enjoy! I will arrive nice and early and have everything set up ready for the ceremony. I will perform the ceremony and you just have to take part and enjoy yourselves.





What other types of ceremony do you offer?

I feel so privileged to work with so many wonderful families and couples to help them create services and ceremonies that perfectly mark life's important events, relationships and milestones in a unique, personalised, engaging and memorable way. My Celebrant services cover Weddings, Vow Renewals, Baby Naming Ceremonies and other Family Celebrations.





I hope you have found this helpful, more detailed information can be found on my website. I really look forward to meeting you and together, we will make your dreams come to life.

Let's create your perfect day!

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