

# Ring Giving

*The author has put this collection together as a result of many requests from couples to provide suggestions for something different for ceremonies. This book is the accumulated experience of over fourteen years of being a civil celebrant. The author has selected sections of ceremonies that have appealed to her.*

*She hopes that couples find it a useful, workable model from which to build their own ceremony. There are also included suggestions for music. The final section is on special ceremonies that can be worked into the order of ceremony.*

*There are five readings which can be mixed and matched that are contained in this document.*

*The ring giving ritual is a traditional part of the ceremony and can altered to suit the wishes of the couple.*

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### **Option One**

The vows which have been exchanged by (Bride's name) and (Groom's name) have been offered in our hearing. But words are fleeting and their sound fades and soon is gone. The wedding ring is a symbol of the promises made here today. May the wedding band be a reminder to all of the vows (Bride's name) and (Grooms name) have made and a witness to the world of the commitment in marriage. These rings are a symbol of your unity, a sign of your promise and unending love which you will give to each other.

Bride: I, (Bride's name) give you (Groom's name) this ring as a symbol of our vows.

With this ring I wed thee

Groom: I (Groom's name) give you (Bride's name) this ring as a symbol of our vows.

With this ring I wed thee.

### **Option Two**

(Bride and Groom together) With this ring I pledge to you with all my heart, to love and support you in all ways, to the best of my ability, for the rest of our lives.

### **Option Three**

(Bride and Groom together) Take and wear this ring as a sign of my fidelity. May it always remind you of the unity between us and my commitment to you today.

### **Option Four**

Groom: Take this ring as a seal upon the marriage vows I have just spoken and, as you wear it, may it be a reminder of how much I love you, not only on this precious day, but every single day of your life.

(repeat for Bride)

### **Option Five**

Groom: will you please accept this ring as a token of my immense love and respect for you but know that its luster is dull compared to my heart that harbors limitless depths of love and respect.

(repeat for Bride)