

A CEREMONY FOR CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

(compiled in conjunction with the Society of Registration Officers)

Opening Words

We welcome you here today on this very special occasion of deep significance for And, Today they will affirm their love and publicly declare their commitment to each other.

Introduction

This place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the registration of civil partnerships. You are here to witness the formation of a civil partnership by.....And.....If any person present knows of any impediment to this civil partnership, he should declare it now.

..... And have chosen to pledge themselves to each other by committing to a legally binding contract. Their Partnership will enable the love and respect that they have for each other to develop into a deep and lasting relationship. We who are witnessing your civil partnership, hope that despite the stresses inevitable in any life, your Love, trust and understanding of each other, will increase your contentment and heighten your joy in living.

Vows

(Please choose one of the following)

Ipledge to share my life openly with I promise to cherish and tenderly care for you, to honour and encourage you. I will respect you as an individual and be true to you through good times and bad. To these things I give my word.

or

..... I choose you above all others, to share my life. I promise to honour this pledge as long as I live.

The Giving of a Ring

The giving of a band signifies the promise of a love that is everlasting and is a public affirmation that the contract between and will be honoured.

(Each partner, in turn, to repeat the following words as the rings are exchanged,)

.....This ring is a token of my abiding love and a sign of the promise I make to you today

To Close (these words may be omitted)

Everyday you live, learn how to receive love with as much understanding as you give it. Find things within yourself, then you can share them with each other. Do not fear this love. Have an open heart and a sincere mind. Be concerned with each other's happiness. Be constant and consistent in your love. From this will come security and strength.

Signing of the Civil Partnership Schedule

We now come to the signing of the schedule, which will bind And together in law.

(each partner to repeat the following in turn)

I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

..... and would you please step forward to sign the Civil Partnership Schedule (and Register if you intend providing one) along with and Your witnesses

Presentation of Commemorative Certificate

..... Andyou are now Partners in law and it is with pleasure that I present you with your Civil Partnership Certificate

Now that the ceremony is over and the experience of living day by day as legal partners is about to begin, go and meet it gladly.

Please join with And As they celebrate their partnership.