

## Preparing your Wedding Service

Couples who we marry in Paphos, have given a great deal of thought to their wedding and to the service.

The service is a solemn but happy public occasion that combines important legal requirements such as the signing and witnessing of the marriage certificates along with prayers, the exchange of vows, the giving of rings and often the inclusion of reading(s) and music.

We hope that by choosing a religious service you will feel comfortable with the prayers and readings and with the fact that the ceremony is conducted in 'the presence of God'. We trust that this will add a very special dimension to the ceremony and to the day itself. It is a privilege for us to be able to assist you with this unique occasion and service which we enjoy doing.

If you feel that you need assistance with the choice of readings some options are given to help you. Feel free to contact us if you need any help.

The structure of the service will be as follows:

- Introduction
- The Welcome and Preface
- The Declarations
- The Marriage Collect
- Readings
- The Marriage Vows
- The Giving of Rings
- The Proclamation and The Blessing of the Marriage
- Registration of the Marriage
- Prayers and The Dismissal

**Readings:** A selection of readings is found in the readings PDF. A reading should not distract from the solemn occasion of the marriage service and if you have questions over the suitability of a reading, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**Marriage Vows:** We normally use the traditional vows in the wedding service. If you wish to use your own vows, please would you consult the priest who will conduct your service prior to your interview in Paphos, via our Wedding Coordinator.

**Hymns:** You do not have to include hymns in your service. However, for those who would like to include a hymn(s), we offer a small number of hymns to choose from. These will need to be accompanied by the organ in our historic church of Ayia Kyriaki but in other venues a CD of organ music will be used.

Do be aware that hymns are not always well-known and can be difficult to sing if your guests are not used to singing them or if you only have a small number of guests.

Please refer to the Music page of the website for more information

### Flowers/decorations and photography

It is encouraging and wonderful to see how much thought goes into these important aspects which will always enhance the service and the occasion. We are always happy to work with photographers and they should enhance rather than intrude upon the occasion.

**Drones:** The use of drones for photographic purposes is not permitted by the Cypriot Antiquities Department in the vicinity of our historic church - Ayia Kyriaki.

At other locations, we are happy to see the use of drones provided that public safety is always put first. It is the couple's responsibility to ensure that the necessary permissions and licenses have been obtained for the use of a drone at their wedding and we may check this has been done at your interview prior to the wedding. Please check with our Wedding Coordinator before making arrangements.