

## **A Service of Renewal of Wedding Vows**

One of the services which is available to any couple is the service to renew wedding vows. It may coincide with a major anniversary or simply at an especially poignant time in your marriage. There does not have to be a particular reason, simply a desire to remember, renew and rededicate a very special relationship.

The service that we offer is a formal service, similar to a wedding service albeit that the couple come to the service as husband and wife. There is the opportunity reaffirm the marriage vows, to re-exchange rings and to sign a certificate that marks this special occasion.

There is also the opportunity to choose a reading(s) and to include particular music of your choice. Finally, the service includes an element of thanksgiving for this couple's marriage, for the joy of children (if appropriate) and prayers for the future.

We have conducted this service with just the couple present or with a larger group of family and friends. However it is planned, it is a privilege to conduct this service and always very special.

## **The Service of Prayer and Blessing after a Civil Marriage.**

You may decide to have a civil wedding conducted by a marriage registrar or may have undertaken a civil marriage for legal reasons associated with your country of residence. Subsequently you may decide to have your marriage blessed by a priest.

We offer a formal service for such occasions. This service mirrors, closely, the wedding service with the understanding that you come as husband and wife. Prayers are said, vows are exchanged, in the presence of God, rings are blessed and exchanged, prayers for your future are said and a certificate is signed and witnessed to mark the occasion.

You may come with few guests or have a much larger gathering, depending on circumstances. However it is planned, it is a privilege to conduct this service and always very special.

## **The Blessing of Wedding Rings.**

We offer a short service at which wedding rings can be blessed which may coincide with a special anniversary or special occasion.

## **Interviews for each of these Services**

We will always arrange to meet with you before finalising any of these services. The services would always be personalised to your wishes and it is important for us to gauge the nature of the ceremony required. Wedding vergers, from the parish, may be present to assist with practical arrangements, depending on how large the ceremony is expected to be.

## **Baptism(s)/Christening(s) of children who come with a couple requiring one of our Services.**

A good number of couples come to one of the services, that we offer, with their children. It might be an appropriate time to consider whether you would like to have your child or children baptised into the Christian church.

This is, again, a formal, personalised service where the child to be baptised is welcomed, formally, into the Christian faith. The child may be a young baby who relies on their parents and godparents to speak on their behalf or possibly an older child who can speak for themselves. It is always a moving service and one that can involve family members. Again, the service would be preceded by an interview with the priest conducting the baptism.

## **Inquiries**

If you would like further information about any of these services, our Wedding Coordinator, Trudie Murphy will welcome your inquiry. and can provide the necessary information.