



Ceremonies by Laura Bell



HELLO!

Huge congratulations on your engagement and for making the decision to book me as your wedding Celebrant. My job is to write a bespoke and personalised ceremony script for you, laced with magic and adventure.

I only commit to one ceremony per day so you can rest assured there's no rushing on your wedding day. I will be at your ceremony location 1 hour before it's due to start.

I have plenty of supplier friends I can recommend if you need help with this. Not only am I a Celebrant, I will also be a friend on this exciting journey, with unlimited support.

Client Journey Timeline of Events



STEP 1 - SAY HELLO!

Let's chat all about your exciting ceremony plans!

We can either meet in person (for tea and cake of course) or over Zoom, at your venue or I can travel to your home. This gives us both an opportunity to see if I'm the Celebrant for you, but if you've made it this far you probably like my style!

STEP 2 - YOU WANT TO BOOK (WAHOO!)

So you would love for me to deliver your ceremony? Amazing!

Once you've chosen your package and we've chatted, you'll receive a copy of the terms. A 50% deposit is required to book your chosen date which is then firmly in the calendar.

STEP 3 - CEREMONY PLANNING CALL

Six months to go you'll receive a questionnaire for you both to fill in which you can let me know all of your exciting ceremony plans so far. On return of this, I can book in a ceremony planning call and go through all of the details which will enable me to start work on your bespoke script.

STEP 4 - FIRST DRAFT OF YOUR LOVE STORY

Six weeks to go you will receive your first draft of your love story. This is your chance to read through and let me know of any changes or amends. I can include anything extra at this point that you may have thought of and make sure it's absolutely perfect for your day.

STEP 5 - REHEARSAL

You can add a rehearsal to your package if you wish. We can then walk through the logistics together and make any changes to music or the script at this point. This will put you both at ease ahead of your big day knowing everything is taken care of and you can relax, and enjoy!

STEP 6 - YOUR BESPOKE CEREMONY

The day has finally arrived! I will be at your venue 30 minutes before the start time with everything set up. I will supply a copy of your vows, any readings, ritual resources (if required), keepsake certificates and a copy of your ceremony script to treasure forever.



Visual Elements



Ceremony Rituals

They're my thing. I will bring the magical and theatre to my couple's bespoke ceremony. I can create a symbolic ritual that's a perfect reflection of them both or as a family unit using any materials. What kind of thing do people choose for their ceremony?

- Handtying or Handfasting
- Sand Blending
- Smudging
- Fire Building
- Gin & Tonic Mixing
- Water Blessing
- Certificate Signing
- Unity Candle
- Tree Planting
- Tying of the Knot
- Jumping the Broom



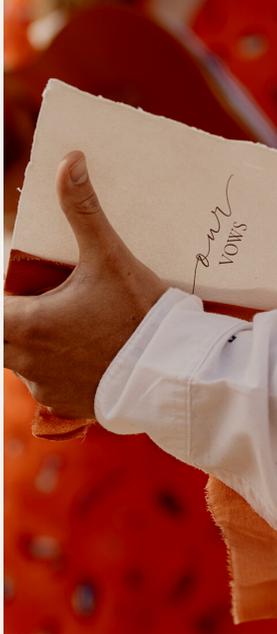
MEET LAURA BELL

Certified independent celebrant Laura Bell founded Fox & Star Ceremonies in 2020 before making the decision to rebrand to "Ceremonies by Laura Bell" in 2022.

Having worked in marketing, events and managing back to back weddings over the past 10 years, she decided to embark on a new adventure and completed her training with The Academy of Modern Celebrancy.

Inspired by her son, she aspires to bring families and couples together through beautiful ceremonies. Laura is a creative wordsmith. She blogs, writes and curates content for wedding businesses and brands.

Laura Bell holds an annual membership with the Association of Independent Celebrants. Therefore, a Public Liability Certificate is available on request.



YOUR CEREMONY, YOUR RULES!

Celebrants in England and Wales are not currently recognised by law (boo!) so you will need to go to your local registry office to do your legal part of your marriage. It costs around £48 and you can withhold your vows and rings and save them for your bespoke wedding ceremony with me.

The give couples choice movement is campaigning for freedom of choice for couples and all Celebrants in England and Wales to have the legal ceremony they choose. You shouldn't be restricted or feel uncomfortable on your wedding day!



Vows as playful as you are!

If the thought of writing your own vows fills you with dread, I can write them for you! When we reach the questionnaire stage, I will ask you questions such as "where did you first meet?" and "where did you have your first kiss?" You will both need to fill in a copy and then I can write your vows from there. If you would like to write your own and know exactly what you want to say, you go for it! I'm here to help and guide you, so just shout if you need me.





Nicola & Lee

"Laura made the whole process so calm and easy. We met with her prior to having our script written and she was so knowledgeable it really put us at ease and helped us with some options we had for the ceremony! Mostly including our little ones in the day which was so important to us.

The script she wrote for us was beautiful, and so fitting for us both and on the day she put us both at ease knowing she was there to help with anything (even tissues for my husband and sunscreen!) The ceremony was so personal for us and our 2 little ones who were involved in it all, and we had so many comments of how lovely she was and how personal and special the whole ceremony was.

I can't recommend Laura enough and would never ever consider recommending anyone else to others. Thank you so much again, one of the best decisions we made for our wedding."



LEMON TREE RITUAL

"It is often said, when life gives you lemons – make lemonade. This is particularly true with children! Spiritually, lemon trees symbolise adoration, commitment and romance. They're also amazing with gin & tonic, as you well know Andy!

When life gives you lemons, may you hold onto grace. Life can still be beautiful when things feel out of place. For flowers bloom from soil and stars shine in the darkest of hours (especially when you're up several times a night!) So rest assured, that something sweet can arise from something sour. No matter what darkness you have been through or will go through in your lives together, there will always be a light waiting for you – the sun always reveals itself to those who have felt the rain. No matter what happens, joy will always find you.

Remember to nourish each other, with words of encouragement and trust. This is needed on a daily basis so you can each grow and reach your fullest potential – just like this tree. It will always be a symbol of your love for each other."



Verity & Steve

"I can not thank Laura enough for the amazing ceremony she preformed! From the beginning Laura knew the right questions to ask and conversation we had together to get to know us as a couple. Laura gave us so many options of different things we could do within the ceremony, handfasting, planting a tree.

I asked Laura about a smudging ritual and although Laura had not done one before, she went away and researched many different smudging rituals. I absolutely love Laura's way with words, personal and sincere. My guests even commented about how the ceremony was personal and just perfect.

I would 100% recommend Laura to everyone. Thank you Laura."

Verity & Steve | 6th November 2021



Wedding Ceremony Package



Wedding ceremony script and delivery breakdown

- Ceremony Planning Call
- Bespoke Script Including 2 Drafts
- Pre Venue Visit or Rehearsal
- Delivery of Ceremony by Certified and Insured Celebrant Laura Bell
- Ceremony Certificate Keepsake (non-legal)
- Expert Advice Every Step Of The Way
- Travel Within 30 Miles of Weymouth, UK
- Ritual Resources
 - For example: Handtying ribbons and creation, sand, vessels, broom, plants or gin & tonic!

Your
Love
Story



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Bespoke,
Magical &
Guided.
That's the
'Ceremonies by
Laura Bell'
ethos.

Wedding Planning Checklist



12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Set a budget
- Make a guest list
- Book your Celebrant
- Organise your legal part
- Decide style and theme
- Book venue visits
- Book your caterer

11 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your venue
- Book photographer & videographer
- Book your entertainment

10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Wedding dress / Wedding suit shopping
- Send out Invitations

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- Buy Wedding dress / Wedding suit

8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose wedding party outfits
- Book your florist

7 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create a wedding mood board
- Put together a wedding playlist
- Visit your wedding venue
- Email all wedding suppliers to touch base

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Receive your ceremony questionnaire
- Choose ceremony music

5 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book honeymoon
- Book wedding accomodation

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your cake maker
- Buy wedding rings
- Book hair & makeup trial

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Organise guests favours
- Write vows (if I'm not doing this for you!)
- Choose readings and readers
- Choose rituals for ceremony

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Dress / Suit fitting
- Complete ceremony questionnaire
- Break in wedding shoes

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Create seating plan
- Receive your first draft of your script
- Organise final venue visit
- Book beauty treatments
- Organise travel if necessary
- Confirm wines and bar details
- Final Dress / Suit Fitting
- Practise vows out loud

DAY BEFORE WEDDING

- Ceremony run through if required
- Get a good nights sleep
- *Relax and enjoy!*



Ceremony Planning Notes



Type of Ceremony: Wedding / Renewal of Vows / Other

Style of Ceremony: Non-Religious / Semi-Religious/ Mixed Faith

Date of Ceremony _____

Time of Ceremony _____

Ceremony Venue & Address _____

Venue Type (barn, hotel, beach, park etc) _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Rituals you'd like to include: (E.g. Handfasting, handtying, tree planting, sing-a-long, jumping of the broom, gin and tonic mixing, sand blending, unity candle, fire-it building, tying of the knot.)

Are you going to be walking down the aisle with anyone?
If so, who? (Name and relationship to you):

Alternative requests in relation to the entrance of your ceremony: (You may wish to both be given away or make an entrance together - the choice is completely yours!)

Who is in your wedding party? _____

Best Man/Woman _____

Maid/Dude of Honour _____

Groomsmen _____

Flowergirls/Bridesmaids _____

Page Boys _____

Ring Bearer _____

Details of live or recorded music choices and when in the ceremony you would like them played.

Poems and readings you would like included, if you would like them read by family or friends.

We would like to write our own vows / We would like inspiration or help writing our vows

How would you like to be introduced at the end of the ceremony?

As Husband & Wife / Mr & Mrs

As Dr & Dr / Dr & Mrs / Mr & Dr

As Wife & Wife / Mrs & Mrs

As Husband & Husband / Mr & Mr

As New Surname for example double barrelled _____

Where and when did you first meet?

Think about that first attraction- was it love at first sight? How you felt about the other and how your relationship grew from that moment.

When did you first realise you were in love?

Who said it first? Can you describe the moment?

What do you love most about each other?

Have you changed since being in this relationship? What inspires you about one another and keeps your relationship strong?

Are there any special stories you would like to include?

Happy moments, memories or even sad and challenging times which you have come through together stronger?

Do you have children? Either together or from previous relationships?

Any sentiments or wording that you would like to express to your own and/or each others children during the ceremony. Sand ceremonies are a beautiful ritual to include.

The proposal

Where and when? Who asked who? Any special sentiments attached to engagement rings etc?

What are your shared dreams, goals, intentions etc for your future together as a married couple?

Any additional information / requests / ideas etc which you would like included in your ceremony:

you are
my favourite
adventure

Press



THE DREAM TEAM

Venue, www.theatkinsonkitchen.co.uk | Photographer, www.danielandrich.com | Wedding planner and shoot coordinator, www.clovesandflam.co.uk | Dresses, www.obellanddodd.co.uk | Make-up, www.makespheightel.co.uk | Hair, www.facebook.com/Wed-by-Em-103284370269991 | Cake, www.gostice.co.uk | Flowers, www.theherbarium.com



First wedding takes place on Weymouth

15th June



By Marie-Claire Alfonso
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A COUPLE have made Weymouth history as they become the first people to tie the knot at the town's beach in a beautiful and unique ceremony.







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