



## Ceremony Choices

At Gate Street Barn you have a choice of ceremonies. Please read below what each ceremony is called and what it means.

1. **Civil Marriage** – this is a legal ceremony conducted and registered by a Registrar from Guildford Register Office and must take place in the licenced main barn room. Same sex and different sex couples can have a Civil Marriage and after the ceremony you will receive a legal Marriage Certificate and be legal Husband & Wife, or Husband & Husband, or Wife & Wife
2. **Civil Partnership** - this is a legal ceremony conducted and registered by a Registrar from Guildford Register Office and must take place in the licenced main barn room Same sex and different sex couples can have a Civil Partnership and after the ceremony you will receive a legal Partnership Certificate and be legal Partners in Law
3. **Church Marriage** – this cannot take place at The Barn and only different sex couples have a choice to marry in a church subject to the minister/priest allowing the ceremony to take place.  
It is a legal ceremony conducted by the minister/priest and after the ceremony you will receive a legal Marriage Certificate and be legal Husband & Wife  
At present it is still illegal for a same sex couple to marry in a church in England
4. **A Religious or Spiritual Blessing/Tradition** – this is not a legal binding but is usually a ceremony which takes place after a Civil Ceremony and is conducted by someone connected to the religion or tradition and can be anywhere at The Barn i.e. inside or outside.
5. **Independent Celebrants** work independently, giving couples the freedom to include whatever they would like in their Ceremony. If a couple would like to include an act of worship e.g. a prayer, for example, then most Independent Celebrants would be comfortable incorporating this in a ceremony. Independent Celebrants are equally comfortable creating and conducting non-religious ceremonies. A ceremony conducted by an Independent Celebrant can be conducted anywhere at The Barn i.e. inside or outside and are not legal

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6. Humanist Celebrants offer secular/non-religious ceremonies only, believing that life is based on humanity and reason, and that moral values are founded on human nature and experience. As they have no-religious beliefs, they therefore do not include any religious acts of worship in their ceremonies. Having said that, Humanist Ceremonies can include religious content if it occurs in readings, hymns or music originally written for praise, as long as there is no 'act of worship' requested. A ceremony conducted by a Humanist Celebrant can be conducted anywhere at The Barn i.e. inside or outside and are not legal