



WEDDING BLESSING PACK

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**Congratulations! How wonderful that you are taking this exciting next step!
We hope that we can help you as you explore the possibility of having your marriage
blessed here on the Costa del Sol.**

The Costa del Sol West Chaplaincy is part of the Diocese of Europe and like many other chaplaincies in the diocese we do not own our own church building. We currently use the Roman Catholic churches in San Pedro and Sotogrande to worship each Sunday. They are beautiful buildings and provide a lovely location for your wedding blessing. We can arrange to book these church buildings for you, but wedding blessings can also take place in lots of locations; beaches, restaurants and hotels. Unlike in the UK, it is administratively difficult for us to conduct the legal part of a marriage, so that is normally completed in the UK or in Gibraltar before the blessing.



San Pedro de Alcántara



Sotogrande

What is a Wedding Blessing?

The blessing service involves some similar aspects to a wedding service with exchanging vows and declarations. The Wedding Blessing service is a beautiful, spiritual way to further cement the vows taken and ask God's blessing on your life together as a couple. It provides a positive, determined and wonderful start to a lifelong commitment.

Some important steps and things to consider:



- A form will be sent to you when you make your inquiry. This gives us some of the basic information we need and will be used to complete the Blessing Certificate. Please complete the form. Until this is received we cannot make a definite booking. We ask for a €100 deposit for the event. We will send you details about how payments can be made either to the Chaplaincy (in euros) or via the Church of England Diocese in Europe (in sterling).
- You will need to meet the chaplain two or three times. One or two will be to think about the significance of a Christian wedding blessing. The content will also be discussed and there are some useful suggestions following about the service, music and readings. One final meeting will be a practice at the location.
- As you are planning to undertake a Christian marriage you are asked to commit to attending church, either where you live or at the one of the churches we use. In this way not only will you feel more comfortable in the environment, but it will provide support to engage with God before you make your vows before him and ask his blessing. We will be praying for you whether you are with us or not.
- Music is your responsibility though we can put you in touch with organists, guitar players, local choirs and/or solo singers that other wedding blessings have used successfully in the past. We can also play music through our speakers which provides more options, but we must be mindful as the Roman Catholic priest may disallow some types of music in the church. The music will be discussed at the first meeting and if you are using a marriage arranger discuss that also with them.
- There are three orders of service attached. The first is the traditional Church of England marriage service, adapted as a blessing. The second is a Church of England Marriage Blessing service with some Spanish custom additions. The third is for a blessing when the couple have been married in a registry office a long time ago, or who have been partners for many (e.g. 20) years. The choice of service is for us to discuss. You may want to choose readings and music other than hymns. Together we should be able to make changes to suit your wishes. All the services are in modern English, but traditional English can be used instead, if you wish. The last version includes a quality translation into Spanish as this has been used in an English wedding blessing but with many Spanish present.
- There are a number of locations that are most frequently used for marriages. If you are looking for a church wedding blessing then both of the Roman Catholic churches that the Chaplaincy uses can be used for a wedding blessing. The Sotogrande church (seating about 200) does not charge for this but the San Pedro church (seating about 300) does charge. The La Virginia chapel (which is not a Roman Catholic church) in Marbella (seating about 80) is also a beautiful spot. Charges for the venues are usually less than €500 and dependent on the venue owner. The use of other Roman Catholic Churches is dependent on the agreement of the Roman Catholic priest (and/or Bishop).

- If you are a same sex couple, do get in touch so that we can explore possibilities for you within the guidelines of the Church of England, which is currently engaged in discerning how we can better fulfill the church's responsibility of being a place of inclusion for all.
- There are some circumstances where it is not necessarily possible to bless a marriage within a Roman Catholic church, for example if one of those being married is previously divorced having been married in a Roman Catholic ceremony, however we can bless couples where one or both of them has previously been divorced, subject to discussion with the couple about their commitment to the vows they will be making in the light of the previous marriage(s).
- The charges set annually by the Chaplaincy are broadly equivalent to the charges made for a Church of England wedding in the UK. This may be paid in euros or sterling equivalent. Unfortunately we have to insist that the payment is made at or before the wedding practice. Please email the Chaplain for the latest figures.
- If you want to explore undertaking both the legal part of the marriage and the wedding blessing in Spain, both at the same time, as in the UK, you should be aware that this is not impossible, but it is not easy. It does need plenty of prior planning and you will have to research this carefully. There have been many recent changes as a result of Brexit and so we are not able to advise you about this process. If neither of you has been resident in Spain there are more complications and you will definitely need the help of a Spanish lawyer. It is cheaper and easier to marry in Gibraltar, for example, the day before your blessing in Spain. (cost of registry marriage in Gibraltar is about £150). You will also have the certificate in English which may be more use to you in the future. If you do marry in Gibraltar it is mandatory that you spend either the night before or after the marriage residing on the Rock (in a hotel or similar). You will be asked for proof of that.
- You may want to prepare an order of service to go with the event. This is often printed as a booklet. We need to discuss the content of that and you need to send me a draft prior to it being printed. I have provided a simple outline in the pack.

On the following pages you will find some sample service formats. The third is more suited to couples who have been together for many years. There is a translation provided to help

Spanish speaking guests follow the service.



1. CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEDDING (adapted as a blessing)

Entry music and Introduction

[Who gives this woman to be married to this man?
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them. 1 John 4.16

*Optional Candle Ceremony 1 (see below *)*

A hymn may be sung or other music played.

We have come together in the presence of God, to witness the blessing of the marriage of *N* and *N*, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of his grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is given as the foundation of family life in which children may be born and nurtured in accordance with God's will, to his praise and glory.

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought.

This is the way of life, created and hallowed by God, that *N* and *N* are now to begin. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding blessing day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

[Have you fully completed the legal part of your marriage according to the laws of your chosen country, and do you hold a certificate to prove that.

Answer together: We have.]**

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts;

N, will you take *N* to be your wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

N, will you take *N* to be your husband?

Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

Will you, the families and friends of *N* and *N*, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

Answer: We will.

Let us pray

God our Father, from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon *N* and *N*,
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,
in holiness and commitment to each other.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings and Address

A hymn may be sung or other music played

*The wife's father hands her by the right hand to the minister, who passes her on to the husband, who takes her by the right hand. The wife's father sits down.] or at ***

The Vows

N and *N*, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows,
in the presence of God and his people.

I, *N*, take you, *N*, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

I, *N*, take you, *N*, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law. In the presence of God I make this vow.

The Giving of Rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to *N* and *N* a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage.

With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

N, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage.

With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Proclamation

[*N* and *N* came here having completed the requirements necessary for their marriage to be recognized in law. Now,] in the presence of God, and before this congregation, *N* and *N* have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The Marriage Blessing

Eternal God, you create us out of love

that we should love you and one another.

Bless this man and this woman, made in your image,

who today become a sign of your faithful love to us. in Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,

bless, preserve and keep you;

the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,

that you may please him both in body and soul,

and, living together in faith and love,

may receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

Signing Blessing Certificate

*Optional Candle Ceremony 2 (see below *)*

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer

A hymn may be sung or other music played.

The Dismissal

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

2. SPANISH ADAPTED CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEDDING BLESSING

Entry music and Introduction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them. *1 John 4.16*

We have come together in the presence of God, to celebrate the marriage of **N** and **N**, to ask his blessing on them, and to share in their joy. Marriage is given that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. Their union is the foundation of family life, in which children can grow up in love and security.

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together.

In token of this love and commitment **N** and **N** will each give and receive a ring. Let us keep silence now and remember that God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The Collect

God our Father, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant to your servants that, loving one another, they may continue in your love until their lives' end: through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A hymn may be sung or other music played

Who gives this woman to be married to this man?

The wife's father hands her by the right hand to the minister, who passes her on to the husband, who takes her by the right hand. The wife's father sits down.

[Family life is very important here in Spain. The mother is the heart of the family. To signify this, **N** and **N**'s mothers will now each light a candle in thanksgiving for their children, and for the joy that they share together.]

The Dedication

[**N**, you have committed yourself to **N** in marriage, and your marriage is recognized by law.] The Church of Christ understands marriage to be, in the will of God, the union of a man and a woman, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till parted by death. Is this your understanding of the covenant and promise that you have made?

Answer: It is

[**N**, you have committed yourself to **N** in marriage, and your marriage is recognized by law.] The Church of Christ understands marriage to be, in the will of God, the union of a man and a woman, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till parted by death. Is this your understanding of the covenant and promise that you have made?

Answer: It is

The minister says to the husband

N, have you resolved to be faithful to your wife, forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live?

Answer: I have

The minister says to the wife

N, have you resolved to be faithful to your husband, forsaking all others, so long as you both shall live?

Answer: I have

[As two join together, so they become one. **N** and **N** will now light a single candle from the candles lit by their mothers, which they will then extinguish. At the conclusion of this ceremony, they will take home the single candle that they have lit, and will re-light it each year upon the anniversary of this day. And may all their memories be happy ones.]

Readings and Sermon

A hymn may be sung or other music played

The giving of rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to **N** and **N** a symbol of unending love and faithfulness and a reminder of the promises they have made to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The husband says

I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage; with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The wife says

I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage; with my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Arras

[We have a custom in Spain known as the "Arras". This is an outward and visible sign of the sharing that takes place in a marriage.

The husband cups his hands above his wife's, whilst she forms a cup with her hands beneath them. The minister places thirteen coins into the husband's hands, who slowly pours them into his wife's hands saying

I give you these coins as a token of all that we now share together.

The wife repeats this gesture with the same words]

N and **N** have here affirmed their resolve in the marriage which they have begun. Will you, their families and friends, support and uphold them in their marriage, now and in the years to come?

All: We will

Sharing the cup

[This cup contains the sweet wine of Spain, made from grapes ripened under our cloudless skies. May this marriage be cloudless. May the sweetness of the grapes be with you all your lives.

The husband and wife both drink from the cup and say

Let us remember with gratitude our own loved ones. Let us remember the good times that we have shared together. Let us resolve to forget and to forgive the bad. And as we look ahead along life's road, let us carry with us the joyful message of today; that in what, at times, appears to be a troubled and uncaring world, there is still room for love, life, gaiety and laughter.]

Almighty God give you grace to persevere that he may complete in you the work he has already begun through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eternal God, true and loving Father, in holy marriage you make your servants one. May their life together witness to your love in this troubled world; may unity overcome division, forgiveness heal injury and joy triumph over sorrow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever Amen

A hymn may be sung or other music played

God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love, defend us on every side, and guide us in truth and peace; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all ever more. **Amen**

At the conclusion of the service music will be played

3. CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEDDING BLESSING SHORTER

FORM *(for use by those who have been married legally or have been partners and are now married after many (e.g. 20) years)*

Entry music and Introduction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

God is love, and those who live in love live in God

The Vows

N and *N*, I now invite you to join hands and make your vows, in the presence of God and his people.

and God lives in them. 1 John 4.16

We have come together in the presence of God, to witness the blessing of the marriage of *N* and *N*, and to share in their joy. Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The Bible teaches us that marriage is a gift of God in creation and a means of his grace, a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given, that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and, through the joy of their bodily union, may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives

In marriage husband and wife belong to one another, and they begin a new life together in the community. It is a way of life that all should honour; and it must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly, or selfishly, but reverently, responsibly, and after serious thought.

This is the way of life, created and hallowed by God, that *N* and *N* are now seeking to bless. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this they will [each] give and receive a ring.

Therefore, on this their wedding blessing day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfill his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

The Declarations

[Have you fully completed the legal part of your marriage according to the laws of your chosen country, and do you hold a certificate to prove that.

Answer together: We have.]

The vows you are about to take are to be made in the presence of God, who is judge of all and knows all the secrets of our hearts;

N, will you take *N* to be your wife?

Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

N, will you take *N* to be your husband?

Will you love him, comfort him, honour and protect him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

Answer: I will.

Will you, the families and friends of *N* and *N*, support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

Answer: We will.

Let us pray

God our Father, from the beginning
you have blessed creation with abundant life.
Pour out your blessings upon *N* and *N*,
that they may be joined in mutual love and companionship,
in holiness and commitment to each other.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings and Sermon

A hymn may be sung or other music played

In the presence of God, I, *N*, take you, *N*, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law.

In the presence of God, I, *N*, take you, *N*, to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law.

The Giving of Rings

Heavenly Father, by your blessing let these rings be to *N* and *N* a symbol of unending love and faithfulness, to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

N, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage.

With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

N, I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage.

With my body I honour you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you, within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Proclamation

[*N* and *N* came here having completed the requirements necessary for their marriage to be recognized in law. Now,] in the presence of God, and before this congregation, *N* and *N* have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of rings. I therefore proclaim that they are husband and wife.

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder.

The Marriage Blessing

Eternal God, you create us out of love
that we should love you and one another.
Bless this man and this woman, made in your image,
who today become a sign of your faithful love to us. in Christ our Lord. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve and keep you;
the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace,
that you may please him both in body and soul,
and, living together in faith and love,
may receive the blessings of eternal life. Amen.

Signing Blessing Certificate

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer

A hymn may be sung or other music played.

The Dismissal

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

A copy of this in Spanish follow

3. CERTIFICADO BREVE DE BODA DE LA IGLESIA DE

INGLATERRA (pueden utilizarlo las personas que han estado casadas legalmente durante cierto número de años)

Música de entrada e Introducción

Que la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios y la comunión del Espíritu Santo esté con vosotros.

Dios es amor, y todos los que viven en amor viven en Dios y Dios vive en ellos. *1 Juan 4.16*

Nos hemos reunido en la presencia de Dios, para ser testigos de la bendición del matrimonio de *N y N*, y para compartir su alegría. Nuestro propio Señor Jesucristo fue un invitado en una boda en Caná de Galilea, y su Espíritu está ahora con nosotros.

La Biblia nos enseña que el matrimonio es un don de Dios en la creación y un recurso de su gracia, un misterio sagrado en el que el hombre y la mujer se convierten en una sola persona. Es el propósito de Dios que, del mismo modo que marido y mujer aman durante todas sus vidas, deberán estar unidos por este amor tal y como Cristo está unido a su Iglesia.

Se contrae el matrimonio, por el que marido y mujer se consolarán y ayudarán entre ellos, viviendo fielmente juntos en la necesidad y en la abundancia, en el dolor y en la alegría. Se contrae, y con placer y ternura pueden conocerse en el amor, y, a través de la felicidad de su unión corporal, pueden fortalecer la unión de sus corazones y vidas.

En el matrimonio, marido y mujer se pertenecen el uno al otro, y comienzan una nueva vida juntos en la comunidad. Es una forma de vida que todos deberían honrar; y no debe llevarse a cabo sin cuidado, a la ligera, o de manera egoísta, sino con reverencia, con responsabilidad y después de una reflexión seria.

Este es el modo de vida que Dios ha creado y santificado, cuya bendición buscan ahora *N y N*. Deben darse mutuo consentimiento; para ello unirán sus manos e intercambiarán sus votos solemnes. Como muestra de este, van a dar y recibir [cada uno] un anillo.

Por lo tanto, en este día de su boda bendita oramos con ellos y, fortalecidos y guiados por Dios, pueden cumplir su propósito para toda su vida en la tierra juntos.

Declaraciones

¿Habéis completado totalmente la parte legal de vuestro matrimonio de acuerdo con las leyes de vuestro país y tenéis un certificado para demostrarlo?

Respuesta juntos: Sí, lo tenemos.

Los votos que estáis a punto de tomar se deben hacer en la presencia de Dios, quien es juez de todo y conoce todos los secretos de nuestros corazones;

N, ¿quieres tomar a *N* como esposa?

¿Quieres amarla, consolarla, honrarla y protegerla, y, renunciando a todos los demás, serle fiel hasta que la muerte os separe?

Respuesta: Sí, quiero.

N, ¿quieres tomar a *N* como marido?

¿Quieres amarlo, consolarlo, honrarlo y protegerlo, y, renunciando a todos los demás, serle fiel hasta que la muerte os separe?

Respuesta: Sí, quiero.

¿Queréis, las familias y amigos de *N y N*, apoyarlos en su matrimonio, ahora y en los próximos años?

Respuesta: Sí, queremos.

Recemos.

Dios, Padre Nuestro, desde el principio ha bendecido la creación con vida abundante.

Bendice ahora a *N y N*,

Para que puedan estar unidos en el amor y compañía, en santidad y compromiso con el otro.

Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que está vivo y reina contigo, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

Lecturas y Sermón

Se puede cantar un canto o reproducir otra música

Votos

N y N, os invito ahora a daros la mano y a pronunciar vuestros votos, en presencia de Dios y de su pueblo.

En la presencia de Dios, yo, N, te tomo a ti, N, como esposa, a quien tener y mantener de ahora en adelante; en lo bueno y en lo malo, en la riqueza y en la pobreza, en la salud y en la enfermedad, para amarte y cuidarte hasta que la muerte nos separe; de acuerdo con la santa ley de Dios.

En la presencia de Dios, yo, N, te tomo a ti, N, como marido, a quien tener y mantener de ahora en adelante; en lo bueno y en lo malo, en la riqueza y en la pobreza, en la salud y en la enfermedad, para amarte y cuidarte hasta que la muerte nos separe; de acuerdo con la santa ley de Dios.

Entrega de los anillos

Padre Eterno, bendice estos anillos que *N y N* se entregan como símbolo de infinito amor y fidelidad, para recordarles los votos y promesas que se han hecho el día de hoy a través de Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

N, te entrego este anillo como símbolo de nuestro matrimonio.

Con mi cuerpo te honro, te doy todo lo que soy y comparto contigo todo lo que tengo, por el amor de Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

N, te entrego este anillo como símbolo de nuestro matrimonio.

Con mi cuerpo te honro, te doy todo lo que soy y comparto contigo todo lo que tengo, por el amor de Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo.

Proclamación

N y N han venido aquí después de haber completado los requisitos necesarios para que su matrimonio sea reconocido por la ley. Ahora, en presencia de Dios, y antes esta congregación, *N y N* han dado su consentimiento y han pronunciado sus votos matrimoniales. Han declarado su matrimonio a través de la unión de sus manos y a través de la entrega y recepción de los anillos. Por lo tanto, yo les proclamo marido y mujer.

Que aquellos a los que Dios ha unido no los separe nadie nunca.

Bendición matrimonial

Dios Eterno, que nos ha creado por amor y a quien debemos amar así como al prójimo.

Bendice a este hombre y esta mujer, hechos a tu imagen y semejanza, que hoy se convierten en un símbolo de tu amor fiel por nosotros. En Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Dios Padre, Dios Hijo, Dios Espíritu Santo,

A quien bendecimos, preservamos y mantenemos;

el Señor misericordiosamente os concede las riquezas de su gracia,

debéis servirle tanto en cuerpo como en alma,

y, viviendo juntos en la fe y el amor,

podéis recibir las bendiciones de la vida eterna. Amén.

Firma del Certificado de Consentimiento

Las oraciones concluyen con la Oración del Señor

Se puede cantar un canto o reproducir otra música

Despedida

Dios, la Santa Trinidad, os hace más fuertes en la fe y el amor, Os defiende por todos lados, y os guiará en la verdad y la paz; y que la bendición de Dios todopoderoso, Padre, el Hijo, y Espíritu Santo, recaiga sobre vosotros y permanezca para siempre. Amén.

Music, hymns and other things

A really good resource is the Church of England website: <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

Hymns are not mandatory at all, but they are traditionally part of a wedding. This gives a list of hymns you might like to use and plays them so that you can hear them.

The list they give is

HYMNS

All Things Bright And Beautiful
Amazing Grace
As Man And Woman We Were Made At
Cana's Wedding Long Ago Be Still For
The Presence Of The Lord Come To A
Wedding
For The Beauty Of The Earth
Give Me Joy In My Heart
God In The Planning And Purpose Of
Life
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

MUSIC

For the bride's entrance

Jerusalem
Lead us Heavenly Father
Lord And Lover Of Creation
Lord Of All Hopefulness
Lord Of The Dance
Love Divine All Loves Excelling
Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
Morning Has Broken
One More Step Along The World I

Go
O Praise Ye The Lord!
O Worship the King
Praise My Soul The King Of
Heaven
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
Tell out my Soul
That Human Life Might Richer Be
The Grace Of Life Is Theirs The
King Of Love My Shepherd Is The
Lord's My Shepherd
We Pledge To One Another

Music for this moment might be gentle, dramatic, emotional and touching, but always positive. The type of music you choose may depend on the size of the church and which songs or music really mean something to you both. These are some popular, classic pieces:

Clair de Lune, Debussy
Canon in D, Pachelbel
Arrival of the Queen of Sheba, from 'Solomon', Handel
Trumpet Voluntary, aka the Prince of Denmark's March, Jeremiah Clarke
Salut D'Amour, Elgar
Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Wagner
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J S Bach

For signing the certificate

You and your two witnesses will move to a table, (or even go into a separate room), to sign the certificate. Either way, it is a moment of pause in the ceremony and music is often played at this point.

You can choose a hymn for your guests to sing, or have a piece of music played, either by a live musician, or from a CD/MP3 player.

For leaving the ceremony

Music for this part of your ceremony is always upbeat and cheerful. These are some popular, traditional classics, but let's talk if you'd like something different. In some of the Roman Catholic churches, the Roman Catholic priest may disallow some types of music.

Clair de Lune, Debussy
Canon in D, Pachelbel
Trumpet Voluntary, aka the Prince of Denmark's March, Jeremiah Clarke
Wedding March- Incidental Music No.9 from Midsummer Night's Dream, Mendelssohn
Salut D'Amour, Elgar
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J S Bach
Toccata from Widor's 5th Symphony in F

Readings from the Bible (there must be at least one)

Some popular/recommended ones:

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(see also below where this reading has been adapted from a modern translation of the Bible called 'The Message')

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

John 15.9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

1 John 4.7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Romans 8.31-35,37-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 3.18-end

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Prayers

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Exit of the Bride and Groom to Adele: Love Song

Whenever I'm alone with you
You make me feel like I am home again
Whenever I'm alone with you
You make me feel like I am whole again

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**The Wedding Blessing of
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**at Parroquia de la Virgen del Rocío
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Spain**

1st April 2020 at 10am

Entrance of the Bride: *Bridal March: Violin played by Norman*

Introduction and Welcome: *Chaplain*

Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;	Father-like He tends and spares us;
To His feet thy tribute bring.	Well our feeble frame He knows.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,	In His hands He gently bears us,
Evermore His praises sing:	Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.	Widely yet His mercy flows.
Praise Him for His grace and favor	Angels, help us to adore Him;
To our fathers in distress.	Ye behold Him face to face;
Praise Him still the same as ever,	Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.	Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!	Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.	Praise with us the God of grace

The Declarations

Prayer and reading

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.
If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've got nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I

believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't boast, Doesn't force itself on others, Is not always "me first," Doesn't get angry, Doesn't keep a count of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompleteness will be cancelled.

When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good. We don't yet see things clearly. We're peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

But for now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that end: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

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The Vows

The Giving of Rings

The Proclamation

The Blessing of the Marriage

**The Signing of the certificate
during which music will be played by Norman**

The Certificates

There is a register (kept at Chaplaincy House) and certificate (you keep) like this:

Whilst these have no legal validity (unlike the marriage certificate in the UK/Gibraltar which is also the civil/legal certificate), this may be useful if you are, for example, hoping to get children into a church school in the UK if the school has more applications than it can normally take, or if you are seeking a renewal of vows in the future, or if one of you is looking for a job in the church.

Wedding Blessing in the Anglican Diocese in Europe						
20..... Wedding Blessing Solemnized at in the Chaplaincy of The Costa del Sol West after fulfilling the necessary legal requirements in the at						
No	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at the time of blessing
Marriage blessed according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the after due examination of the marriage certificate by me..... Clerk in Holy Orders						
This Marriage was blessed between us {		In the Presence of us {		date.....		

There is also a card certificate that can be framed.

In both cases there is a requirement for two witnesses to be included.



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Marriage blessing

This is to certify that _____

received God's Blessing on the wedding day

at _____ on _____

Witnesses _____

Chaplain _____

May God's blessing keep you together in love for all of your life

Payment information

Please contact the Chaplain or Church wardens who will give the most up to date cost which includes 100€ deposit to be paid when the date is booked.

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