Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Priestcote House on this very special occasion.

My name is X and I am one of the Deputy Superintendent Registrars for the district of Knowsley. It is my pleasure to be here today to conduct this marriage ceremony. My colleague is Pauline, the Registrar. It is her responsibility to check that all the legal requirements are fulfilled and to make the permanent record of your marriage.

This place in which we are now met, has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of marriages.

We are here today to witness the joining in matrimony of (insert first names), who would like to thank you all for coming to celebrate their new life together as husband and wife. Family and friends have come to be with them today, and it means a great deal to them that you can be here to share their happiness and witness their marriage vows.

I would like to begin the ceremony will a short reading.

**Apache Blessing**

Now you will feel no rain

For each of you will be shelter for the other.

Now you will feel no cold

For each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there is no more loneliness for you,

For each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two bodies,

But there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling place,

To enter into the days of your togetherness.

And may your days be good and long upon the earth.