



Creative Personalised Ceremonies

Celebrant Crafting Weddings, Naming Days,
Funerals & Memorials That Truly Reflect You

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Hello!

Hi, I'm Dawn, storyteller, celebrant & creative soul with a big heart and a total love for telling people's stories.

Based in the North East, I'm a celebrant who is passionate about creating ceremonies that are rich in story, warmth and meaning. My style is relaxed but intentional, never stiff or scripted, always thoughtful and personal.

I believe ceremonies should sound like real people, not templates. They should hold space for laughter and tears, honour what truly matters, and feel right for *you*. Whether I'm standing alongside a couple on their wedding day, supporting a family through a funeral, or celebrating a child's arrival, my role is the same: to listen deeply, find the heart of the story, and tell it with care.

With years of experience speaking in front of large audiences, I bring calm, clarity and a steady presence, even when emotions run high.

What is a Celebrant?

A celebrant offers *freedom, choice, flexibility and personalisation*.

Unlike traditional or religious ceremonies, celebrant-led ceremonies have no fixed scripts or rules. That means your ceremony can be:

- Personal
- Flexible
- Inclusive
- Written entirely around you

Why work with me?

- I take the time to truly listen
- I write every ceremony from scratch
- I balance professionalism with warmth
- I bring calm reassurance, whatever the occasion

Why choosing a celebrant makes your ceremony truly special

It's all about you

No two couples are the same. No two families are the same, so your ceremony shouldn't be either. I get to know you and craft a personal ceremony that tells your story, celebrates your relationship, and puts the YOU into your ceremony.

Truly bespoke

Want modern? Traditional? Funny? Wildly creative? Completely minimal?

You have total freedom over the content, style, structure, and location. I'll share ideas, inspiration and suggestions, but ultimately, the choices are all yours.





How you can work with me

Planning a wedding, vow renewal, naming ceremony, or funeral? You want something personal and memorable and that's exactly what I create.

Clients choose me for my friendly approach, humour, and storytelling skills, helping every ceremony feel natural, inclusive, and unforgettable.

Whether you're celebrating a new chapter or honouring a life well lived, I'll help you tell your story beautifully. From rustic countryside weddings to cosy garden vow renewals, joyful naming ceremonies to heartfelt farewells, every event is crafted around you and your loved ones.

Your story matters. Let's celebrate it, together.

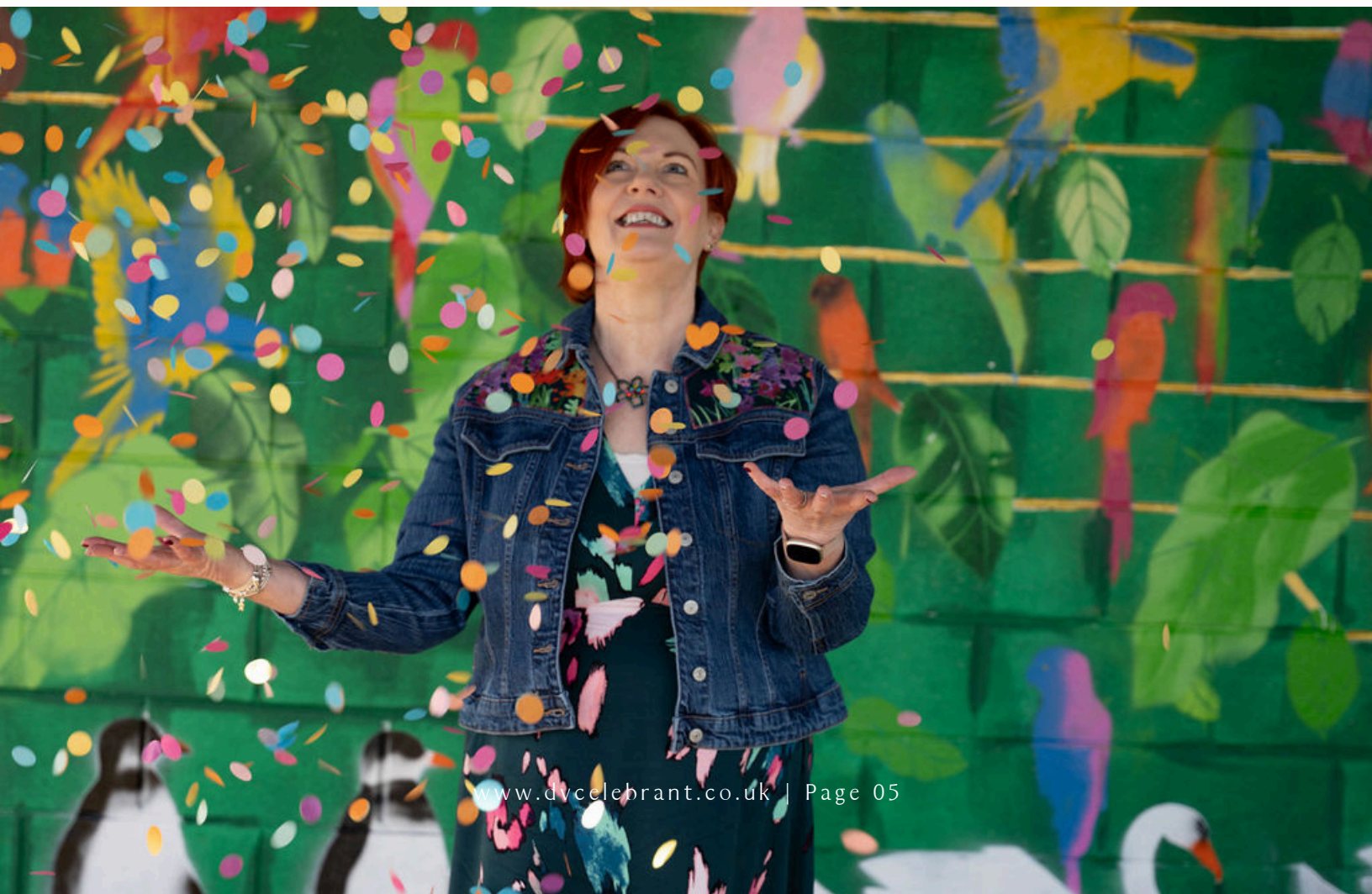
Weddings & Vow Renewals

Ceremonies That Are Heartfelt, Fun & Totally You

Your wedding or vow renewal should be one of the most meaningful, joy-filled parts of your day and that's exactly what I'm here to help you create. From our first relaxed chat to the moment you say "I do," I'll be by your side to design and deliver a ceremony that feels truly you.

I offer a range of packages to suit everyone. Whether you're looking for someone to lead your whole ceremony, have booked a registrar but want to make your ceremony more personal, are planning a DIY wedding or want some help with writing your own vows and speaking confidently, I'm here to bring your story to life with warmth, humour, and care ensuring your ceremony is unforgettable.

No generic scripts or vows that don't feel like you, I'm passionate about ensuring that your ceremony tells your love story in a way that's authentic, emotional, funny, or all of the above!



The Celebrant vs Registrar the difference

The biggest differences are with a celebrant you have *choice, flexibility and personalisation.*

With a registrar:

- Wording is restricted by law
- Scripts follow a set structure with limited additions
- You won't meet them beforehand
- You won't know who you're getting until the day
- Ceremonies must run to strict time slots

With a celebrant (with me):

- Your ceremony is completely bespoke
- No legal restrictions on wording or content
- We work closely together
- You choose the tone, style and structure
- Readings, symbolic elements and personal touches are all welcome
- You have total creative freedom

If you have a Celebrant ceremony you will need to complete the legal aspect of getting married separately. This is a very simple process and you don't need to exchange rings or vows when you do it. In the simplest terms, think about your birthday, that's the day that everyone gets together and has a party every year. No-one celebrates the day your parents went and registered your birth (I would be surprised if you actually knew when that day was).

Wedding package options

The Full Technicolour Ceremony

Your complete, bespoke ceremony bursting with joy, emotion, and personality. Stories, quirks, laughter, tears... all woven into a ceremony that's unmistakably you.

From £585 for 2026 ceremonies

From £600 for 2027 ceremonies

From £625 for 2028 ceremonies

The Ceremony in a Box

DIY, friend-led, or just want flexibility? Get a professionally crafted ceremony script that flows beautifully and shines like you. All the magic, ready to deliver.

From £400

The "Say It Like You Mean It" Session

Vow-writing support that helps you speak from the heart, no clichés, no pressure, just your love, perfectly expressed.

From £100 per hour

The Speak Easy Package

Speech writing & coaching for confidence, clarity and impact. Perfect for anyone speaking on the day with guidance to nail delivery and calm nerves

From £100 per hour

If you're ready to chat, you can [book a free, no-obligation call here.](#)

Your Ceremony Package & Timeline

Included in my Full Technicolour Ceremony package:

- Face-to-face or video consultations to get to know each other
- Personal bespoke ceremony script
- Access to my poem & reading library
- Unlimited support in the lead-up
- Vow-writing help
- Advice on structure, music, symbolism and photography moments
- Your bespoke ceremony officiated by me
- Keepsake copy of your script, certificate and vow cards

Here's a simple breakdown and planning timeline:

Initial consultation 12-18 months before	We meet either face-to-face or on video call and get to know each other, talk about you and your ceremony and see if we're a good fit.
Secure your date	If you wish to go ahead, you complete and return my booking form and contract along with your deposit to secure your chosen date.
The Finer Details 6 months before	We will finalise all the ceremony details together, and you'll complete your couples quiz.
Ceremony writing 3 months before	I craft your ceremony. You review, tweak and start working on vows. We discuss any additional ceremony requirements such as symbolic elements and readings.
Final details 1 month before	Final edits to the script are made along with your vows. Readings and symbolic elements are confirmed.
Wedding week	We arrange to have a run-through, check timings and breathe.
On the day	I arrive early, brief everyone and lead your ceremony smoothly while you simply breathe, connect and enjoy.

Naming & Adoption Ceremonies

A beautiful way to celebrate family, belonging and love. Naming and adoption ceremonies are joyful, inclusive occasions that mark an important chapter: welcoming a child, honouring new family bonds, or gathering loved ones to celebrate together.

What you can expect:

- A ceremony written with warmth and care
- Child-friendly, family-centred language
- Space for siblings, grandparents and chosen family
- Optional symbolic rituals and promises

From £350

Funerals & Memorials

Honouring a life with dignity, compassion and honesty. Supporting families at times of loss is a privilege I hold with great care. I create ceremonies that feel respectful and grounded, while still celebrating the life and story of the person being remembered.

What you can expect:

- Gentle guidance and support throughout
- Time to listen and truly understand the person behind the loss
- A ceremony that balances reflection, warmth and remembrance
- Calm, steady delivery on the day

From £240



"Dawn has an amazing way with words, and provided a lovely personalised service for us to celebrate a special family event. From chatting together before the event to the actual celebration, her warmth and insight shone. Highly recommended."

— Kate

How to book me

If you're interested in booking me the next step is for us to have a no-obligation chat, there's no hard sell from me. It's important for us both that we get to know each other and decide if we're a good fit!

If you decide you want to go ahead then I'll send you my booking form, contract and invoice. I require a deposit to secure your booking and full payment is due no later than 4 weeks prior to your ceremony date.

We then work together to create your ceremony, one that truly reflects you, your personality, values and beliefs. I am on hand to offer advice and guidance and you will get access to my poem & reading library and unlimited support in the lead-up to your ceremony.

Here's a simple breakdown of the process.

Initial consultation	We have an initial chat, relaxed and no pressure. We talk about you and your ceremony and see if we're a good fit.
Secure your date	If you wish to go ahead, you complete and return my booking form and contract along with your deposit to secure your chosen date.
Gathering stories, details and ideas	We meet for a more in-depth chat so that I can gather stories, memories and more details to enable me to begin drafting your ceremony.
Writing your bespoke ceremony	I craft your ceremony. You review and tweak it until you're happy. We discuss any additional ceremony requirements such as symbolic elements, music and readings.
Delivering your ceremony	I arrive early, brief everyone and lead your ceremony smoothly while you simply breathe, connect and enjoy.
Personal keepsake	After the ceremony I provide you with a full printed copy of your ceremony script in a beautiful keepsake folder.



Why choose to work with me?

I'm a Celebrant with a big heart, a creative streak, and a total love for telling people's stories. I live in the beautiful village of Great Ayton with my husband Mark, where we wake up to views of Roseberry Topping. When I'm not crafting ceremonies, you'll usually find me sewing handbags, upcycling furniture, or styling our home with bright colours and quirky finds. I love a splash of personality in everything I do!

Your story is unique and your ceremony should be too. I believe it should feel so personal that your guests leave saying, "That was the most meaningful ceremony I've ever attended."

I'm a multi-talented Celebrant working across North Yorkshire, Teesside, Northumberland, and the North East, known for my quirky, imaginative ceremonies. People choose to work with me for my warmth, humour, and my knack for crafting celebrations that truly reflect your personality and vibe.



"This wonderful lady truly made our special day run smoothly! Even in the utter chaos of working with children. The grace in which she carried out the ceremony was both beautiful and professional. I felt she went over and above to capture every detail of the day. Wonderful memories were made. Thank you."

— Jacq Walker



Dawn conducted the naming ceremony for our granddaughter and took care of the whole ceremony with a friendly, approachable and professional manner. She put everyone at ease and kept the proceedings flowing smoothly. Many of those who attended, whom had never previously been to such a celebration, said how refreshing they found it. Many thanks to Dawn. Highly recommended.
Gavin Turner

Ready to chat?

If you haven't already, please [complete my enquiry form](#) and I'll check my availability for your date. I'll get back to you within 24 hours with next steps. I can't wait to hear from you!

Or if you're ready to chat you can book a call with me today!

[BOOK A CALL](#)

Speak soon,

Dawn

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