



# *Ceremonies from the Heart*

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I'm a member of the  
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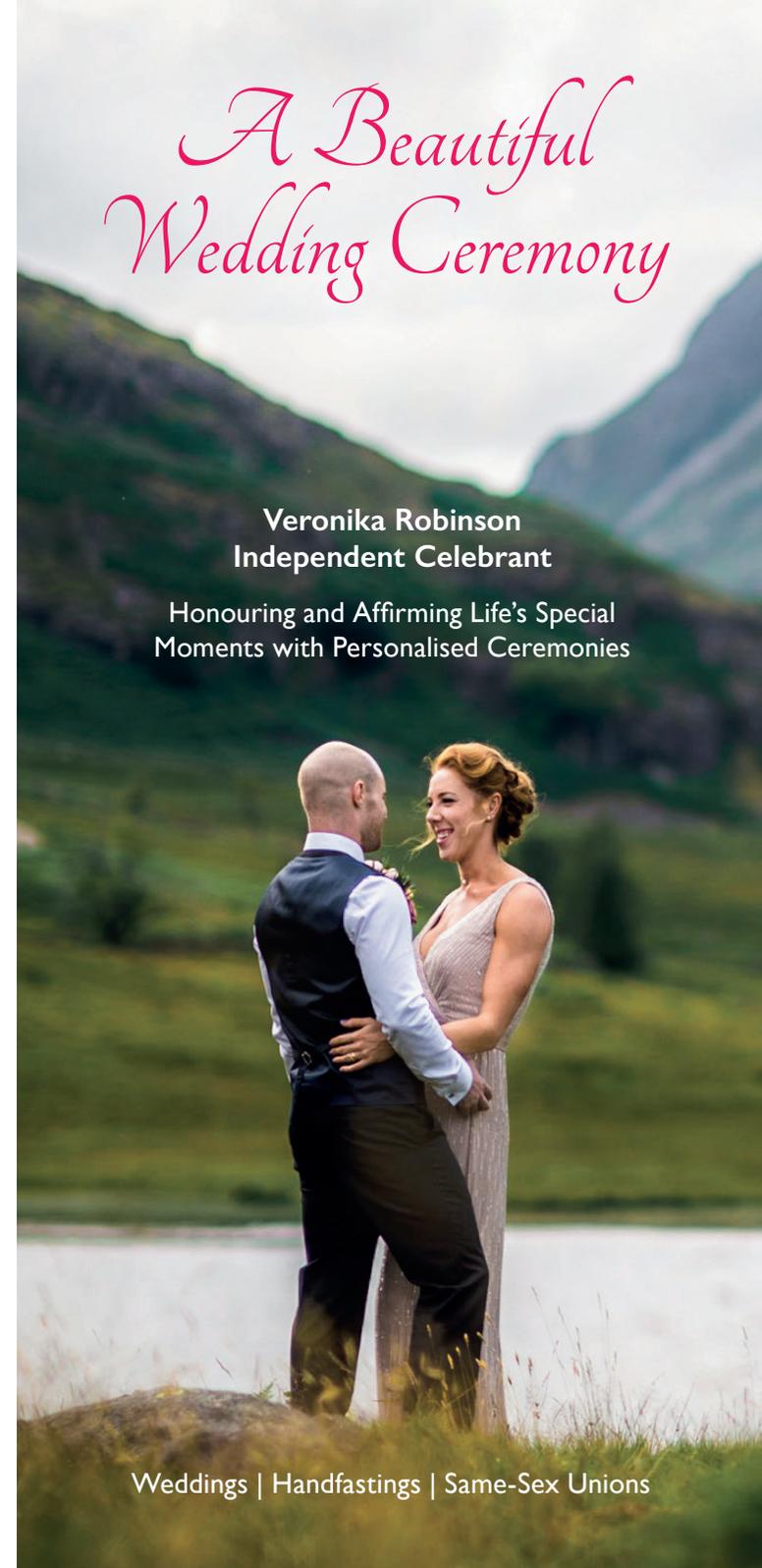
I'm available throughout Cumbria for the following  
ceremonies: weddings, same-sex unions, handfastings, vow  
renewals, blessingways, baby/adult namings, wise-crone  
ceremony, divorce healing, menarche, house blessing,  
miscarriage memorial or healing, housewarmings, funerals  
and memorials.



# *A Beautiful Wedding Ceremony*

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Honouring and Affirming Life's Special  
Moments with Personalised Ceremonies



Weddings | Handfastings | Same-Sex Unions

# Why Choose Me?

Choosing a celebrant for your wedding ceremony, rather than a registrar, is the same process as for a birth or death: you legally register these, then have a naming or farewell ceremony elsewhere. So, leave the dry, legal bit to the registrar, and let me help you to create the wedding ceremony of your dreams: personal, meaningful and unique.

As an independent celebrant, I am free to officiate your wedding in your favourite place or somewhere that is particularly special to you. Wherever you want to marry, I am happy to officiate there, be it your living room, a cherry orchard, beach, wildflower meadow, woodland, candlelit labyrinth, boat, or luxury five-star hotel.

As an independent celebrant, I write ceremonies that are unique and meaningful to my clients. For wedding ceremonies, I include a rehearsal beforehand. This does not happen with a registrar. Until the law changes in England, please note that the ceremony itself is not legal, but as far as your guests are concerned: *your ceremony is your wedding*. You can make your declaration at the Register Office a day or two before the ceremony, and receive a marriage certificate – this is a Registration only, not a ceremony, and two witnesses are allowed. You can opt for a 'registration only', and do not have to exchange rings or make vows.

A Registrar offers you little contact before the ceremony, and a standard script is used. This means that the words of your special wedding day are actually the same as for other brides and grooms.

For as long as I can remember, I have loved words, and anything that carries a sense of the sacred. I have a deep understanding of word medicine, and the importance of symbols as a way of understanding and expressing human archetypes.

I will create, write and officiate a ceremony unique to you and your celebration. My background includes journalism and public speaking, and I'm skilled at listening to people's stories and writing them clearly. I trained as a celebrant at Unity Church, Auckland, New Zealand in the early 1990s, and was registered to perform legally binding ceremonies under the umbrella of New Thought Ministries.

As an independent celebrant, I am not restricted by religion, customs, time or place. We can include anything of importance to you, whether it is religious, spiritual, holistic, humorous, sentimental, symbolic or other. I am able to offer you a vast selection of readings, poems and music/song ideas to choose from, or you may provide your own.

As your celebrant, I'm available via phone, email and face-to-face. I do not work office hours, so if you fancy being married beneath the moonlight on New Year's Eve or at sunrise on the Summer Solstice, I'll be there.

I've always felt a sense of respect for ceremonies and rituals which honour the human spirit. As a celebrant, my role is to seamlessly create a sacred space, and I do so practically and intuitively using a sense of craft, pace and purpose. I'm there to hold the energy, and to offer structure. Having officiated across three countries, for more than twenty years, I'm skilled at bringing purpose and intention to each ceremony I perform.

My fee includes ongoing contact, plus the rehearsal and ceremony. It takes many hours for me to get to know you better, and create a script that is unique to you.

**My fee: £450**

This is comparable to the cost of having a registrar come to a registered venue.

*20% (£90) non-refundable deposit payable upon booking.  
Balance due by BACS one week before the event.*

**Please note:** Ceremonies 50 miles or more from Penrith will be liable to a travel fee of 45p per mile (after the first fifty miles).

If you'd like to make a no-obligation enquiry to check on my availability, please get in touch with your details, such as ceremony date, venue, and if you have a particular theme in mind.

