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Nottinghamshire Registration Service offers a wide range of ceremonies which may be of interest to you or people you know. These include ceremonies for Renewal of Vows, Naming, Civil Funerals, Civil Partnerships and Marriages.

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Naming Ceremony

Registration Service

The world and the people in it are changing. Whilst many people still hold strong beliefs and favour a formal religious welcome for their child, there is an increasing demand for other alternatives. What options are available for them?

What is a naming ceremony?

A naming ceremony is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the birth of a child, to welcome adopted children or children from previous relationships and make them feel part of your family. This happy occasion is a unique opportunity for everyone to feel involved as they promise love and support for the new arrival and their parents.

Can I choose my ceremony?

Of course you can. Each ceremony is tailored individually.
You will work closely with your celebrant choosing options available to create your own special ceremony which your family will remember and treasure in the years that follow, as your children grow.

Who may arrange a ceremony?

Any parent, legal guardian or person with legal responsibility for the child/children may arrange a ceremony. Parents do not have to be married to do so. The ceremony has no legal status and cannot be used to change the name of a child.

What happens at a naming ceremony?

Each ceremony is divided into sections giving you the chance to create something personal and very special.

- Introduction and welcome
- Naming of child/children
- Parents promises
- Grandparents/supporting adults promises
- Readings and music
- Signing and presentation of certificate
- Closing words

You do not need to include all these in your ceremony, it is designed to reflect your wishes and be as simple or as complex as you wish.

You will be presented with a commemorative certificate as a keepsake of your ceremony and may wish to pay for extra certificates for grandparents and other guests.

May we have religious references in the ceremony?

Of course you may. This is not a problem; we can include small readings if you wish.

Where can I hold a ceremony?

At any of the main register offices in the county and also at venues approved by the County Council.

For more information or to make an appointment please call the Register office of your choice (locations overleaf).

We would be delighted to help you plan a very special ceremony for a very special person.

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