**The Rose Ceremony**

The rose ceremony began as a tradition that symbolised love and commitment. A bride and groom would gift one another with a red rose, with each rose symbolizing their love and commitment to each other. When they exchange the roses, they are declaring publicly their love for one another, and in turn, vowing to protect and cherish the love of their partner, always.

For as long as people have been giving flowers to others, a single red rose has always meant “I love you.” Adding red roses to your wedding ceremony is a way to honour the traditions of the past, while also making a commitment to your soon-to-be husband or wife.

Nowadays, a rose ceremony is a nice addition to any couple’s vows, and can even be performed at any point in the ceremony. In some weddings, couples may even choose to honour their parents or grandparents with the gift of a rose. The presentation to loved ones of a rose signifies the couple’s combined love for their family member.

**Rose Ceremony sample**

Before we go ahead and sign the certificates I would like to share this moment with an exchanging of your first gift.

As some of you may already know that the engagement of Alex and Sam began with a single red rose, which has always symbolised one thing ‘I Love You’.

It is important to remember that one simple gesture can mean so much in life and can bring great joy and happiness.

Your wedding day is the most important day to show each other how much you love one and other and so I ask that you present your first gift to each other as husband and wife. ... A single red rose.

Please can the mothers of Alex and Sam step forward and present the rose to your child.

**(Mothers to hand over roses)**

Please gift your roses to each other that represent the true love that you share.

**(swap roses)**

Now from this day forward I want you to remember the little things in life that you will share.

As marriage as some of you here may know, is not a straight and smooth road, but one with many twists, turns, highs and lows. When times get tough, and at times they will, a simple rose will be your reminder of all the joy and love you share.