

Janet Shell Ceremonies

award winning qualified independent celebrant

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weddings & vow renewals

Congratulations!

I'm Janet Shell and I am an independent wedding celebrant. It is my pleasure to offer you a bespoke service, from our first contact right through to the day of the ceremony itself.

If you're not sure what a celebrant does, then you are in the right place to find out, so please check out some of the information here and then get in touch with your questions and queries and hopefully it will result in you booking with me to celebrate YOUR day.

please note I am not a Humanist celebrant



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what are my options?

You are here because you are thinking of a celebrant led ceremony in a beautiful setting of your choice. Right now I am not your *legal* option for a wedding, I want to be clear about that. That has to be done separately.

Most people, however, will organise their legal wedding and then have the beautiful, bespoke option with a celebrant where they can choose music and readings without restrictions, and where the ceremony can include any number of additional elements to make it completely unique to you.

You will see from my photos how this can look.

If that excites you, read on!



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From how you are addressed, to the words I speak, to the music and readings you choose, it is designed to be about you.

Celebrant ceremonies are becoming the choice of couples like yourselves simply because of the level of control and choice you can have. In my ceremony you may have some spiritual readings or music that features faith words and you can fuse together two heritages in a true marriage of cultures in a way that is sadly not possible elsewhere.



I have performed several interfaith ceremonies where we showcase the traditions from the Chinese tea ceremony to the breaking of the glass in the Jewish tradition.

People have sung, read their own poetry and created beautiful sand ceremonies and handfasting as a special moment and of course, the writing of the vows is incredibly special. I always carry tissues!

There will always be a special place in our hearts for Janet and the ceremony she created



a colourful handfasting



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Sometimes a couple will not want such a level of personalisation and that is fine too. I have been known to create more formal vows for the couple to speak or acknowledge.

I encourage other guests to participate through readings or stories so by the end, we all feel we know the couple a little more than before, and they understand how appreciated they really are.

My ceremonies range across all ages and situations and each one is unique and beautiful and when I look back at photos, I ALWAYS find myself smiling at the happiness of the occasion,

There is the option of the certificate to sign and when there are fewer guests, I invite *everybody* to sign as a record of the day. OH, and that can be photographed, unlike the legal document.

Other times, we stick with tradition.



In a cake shop for a couple of 77 and 87
at Christmas time

the happy couple sign

a chance for all to sign



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what are my options?

Your venue can be anywhere; in a designated registered venue or a back garden, a field, some woodland, up a mountain, on a boat - any place where you can have a few guests and everybody can relax.

on private land at midsummer
solstice



woodland section of venue



on a boat on the river Thames



in a private garden

Many couples and their guests love having such a degree of personalisation and guests always tell me how much they loved learning something about the couple and hearing stories from them, or others, about how their relationship developed.



My fees are **all inclusive** so you will never get an unexpected shock or anything extra added in.

CEREMONIES £750 ~ all inclusive*

From the moment we connect until your special day, and often beyond, my focus is on *you*. The detail and the quality assurance means your day is going to begin with a meaningful and inclusive ceremony which will be remembered for all the right reasons. You will have selected me because I am more or less in your region and am prepared to travel a couple of hours if not. You never pay for any of my travel, so even if you want to meet at the venue a couple of months before, I am happy to include that. You can have peace of mind on the costs involved because mine are transparent. (*longer trips over 100 miles- we negotiate a little to help me!)

All meetings, writing of the ceremony, discussions, alterations, last minute changes, liaisons with the venue manager or wedding co-ordinator and photographer, discussions over music and readings, checks on the day, additions of symbolic rituals and of course delivery of the ceremony are all taken care of. You can include a vow rehearsal and gain some tips from me on public speaking. Couples tell me they and their guests love my ceremony style, and my ability to speak so easily in public and feel they can entrust their day completely to me. That matters a lot to me and I value those opinions highly. If there is ever anything that does not sit right on reflection, then I prefer to refund money proportionately. For me it is a 100% guarantee of quality that matters.



So you can see there are plenty of options available and I am here to give you a steer on the choices you can make.

Your day is as important to me as it is to you. If you choose to work with me, you will see how that is interwoven through every detail and all our conversations.

“
The ceremony was heartwarming and personal. We were overjoyed with a forever memory on the best day of our lives
”

When it comes to delivery, my performance background lifts your ceremony onto a professional and sophisticated level that is always commented upon.

On the next page you can learn something about me, and by accessing my website you will see how all the other things I do centre around voice and performance and speaking. This means that I have levels of professional expertise in exactly the areas you would wish for in somebody who stands in front a group of people in an emotional context and is able to be at ease and elevate the normal to the extraordinary.

This has been recognised in the fact that I have been awarded by couples as a 3 X award winner and one of the top 5 celebrants in Surrey.



who is Janet?

Janet Shell is a qualified teacher who was head of music for five years before leaving to pursue a professional classical singing career.

Her singing has taken her all over the world, onto radio and television, and if you are interested, you can view other aspects of her career through her website and hear her voice. She is a sought after singing teacher and vocal coach.

www.janetshell.co.uk

Janet trained as a celebrant during lockdown and her skills are a natural fit. Her vast experience as a performer means she is comfortable whether in an intimate space or a much larger setting; is calm and focused under pressure, and her ability to connect with people quickly and easily, means her couples and venues respond immediately to her warm and friendly, yet professional, nature.

Janet is also a keen advocate of emotional intelligence in the workplace and this naturally extends into her professional space

Janet sang at the first Royal wedding in 500 years in the chapel at Hampton Court Palace for Lord Frederic Windsor & Sophie Winkelman with many well known celebrities and Royal guests in attendance



Inspired?! Then please visit my website for details about fees and other information, check me out on social media for updates, and reach out! I'll be there!

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Thank you so much and we really appreciate you going above and beyond to make our day special!

Everything that you do, always shows just how much you get to know the couple, the information you gather, the trouble you went to, keep everyone from being nervous, your infectious smile, that kept us smiling and calm. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

We loved your ideas and that you have a comfortable aura. You helped us feel very at ease

