

PASSING OF THE RINGS

WHAT IS IT?

The passing of the rings is a ritual where your wedding guests each hold the rings and bestow their blessings and positive thoughts towards the marriage. Another option for the ritual is for the rings to be hung at the ceremony entry, where the ring bearer will ask guests to hold the rings and bestow their blessings and positive thoughts as they arrive.

Some couples choose to keep it simple and only have their wedding party and family hold the rings.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE PASSING OF THE RINGS?

OPTION 1

The celebrant will introduce the ritual after welcoming the guests to the ceremony. The designated ring minder will then send one of the rings around the guests on one side of the aisle and the other ring around the other side. Each guest holds the ring for a few seconds and bestows their blessings and positive thoughts for the couple and their marriage, before passing on to the next guest. Once all the guests have held the ring, the ring minder holds the rings until the ring exchange, when they will be asked to bring the rings forward to the couple.

OPTION 2

The rings are hung at the ceremony entry. The designated ring minder stays with the rings and asks each guest on arrival to take the rings in their hand and bestow their blessings and positive thoughts for the couple and their marriage. Once everyone has arrived and before the bride arrives, the ring minder takes the ring to the bestman.

Before the exchange of rings takes place, the celebrant will explain the significance of the passing of the rings and what it means to the couple. The exchange of rings will immediately follow this.

OPTION 3

The same ritual as listed in option 1 is undertaken with only the couples chosen people (eg. wedding party, children, family, special friends, etc).

