

# NAMING CEREMONIES



Celebrate.....  
the naming of your child.

The naming of a child is one of the most important decisions a parent has to make.

A name gives a child an identity and provides a sense of belonging to the family.



The Ceremony is designed to meet your individual needs and provide a formal opportunity to:

- Celebrate the arrival of a baby
- Welcome your child into the family
- Announce the name(s) you have chosen and if appropriate explain the reasons behind the choice
- Make promises of commitment and support to your child
- Choose other adults to pledge their commitment to support your child

Children of all ages can have a Naming Ceremony. You may wish to welcome children from different marriages or adopted children into your family.

### Where can it take place?

Choose from one of our venues: Wakefield Town Hall or Pontefract Town Hall

Further information is available online at [www.wakefield.gov.uk/namingceremony](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/namingceremony)

Ceremonies can also take place at any public venue subject to their agreement of certain local conditions. A copy of these can be provided on request.

### What does it involve?

You will have the opportunity to make the Ceremony unique for you and your family.

You may wish to have music or present the child with a special gift to mark the occasion. We will provide you with a choice of poems and readings.

A celebrant will conduct the ceremony, the content of which will be based upon the personal choices you make.

### Booking your ceremony

Please:

- Contact Wakefield Register Office on 0345 4 852 888.
- Provide details of your choice of venue, date and time of the ceremony and check availability

If you would like more information before booking your Ceremony, please contact us on the number above.

On confirmation of your booking we will provide you with our Naming Ceremony guide.

The guide is designed to help you plan this special occasion and includes our ceremony arrangement form which you can use to personalise your ceremony.

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### Continue your Naming Ceremony celebrations with one of our fantastic party packages at Wakefield Town Hall.

Our Events and Functions team have a flexible approach to tailor the day to your individual needs and have rooms that suit a small intimate family gathering to a large reception or party! Full packages are available including catering and entertainment.

For more details or to book your reception please contact **0345 4 852 888** or email [eventsandfunctions@wakefield.gov.uk](mailto:eventsandfunctions@wakefield.gov.uk)