

# windsor essex county WEDDING GUIDE

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## Ceremony Sequence of Events

Take note of the order and timing of the following events:

### **1. Seating of the Guests**

Pre-ceremonial music as the ushers seat the guests. Music usually begins 15 minutes before the ceremony.

### **2. Seating of Parents**

After the guests are present and seated, the groom's parents are escorted to their seats. The bride's mother is then last to be seated. The bride's father is waiting with the bride.

### **3. The Groom Takes His Place**

The officiator, ushers, best man and groom take their positions.

### **4. Attendant's Procession**

The processional music for the bridesmaids, maid or matron of honour, flower girl & ring bearer, begins as they are ready to march down the aisle.

### **5. Bridal Procession**

Following the attendants, the bride's father offers the bride his right arm, as they begin down the aisle. Music is played and the guests rise in honour of the bride.

### **6. The Exchange of Vows**

Traditional vows may be exchanged or you may write your own personal vows to recite.

### **7. Music and Ceremony**

Music is played during the candlelighting or other non-verbal portion of the ceremony.

### **8. The Ring Exchange**

Be sure to know where your rings are.

### **9. The Kiss**

Have Fun!

### **10. The Introduction**

At the end of the ceremony, the officiator may introduce the new newlyweds, to the guests, as the new Mr. and Mrs.

### **11. The Recessional**

The bride and groom lead the wedding party back down the aisle.

