

# Your Three Days Testimonials 2010 - 2020

Ten years; 100 pages.

This collection represents much of my working life for the last decade: from the very beginnings of Your Three Days humanist ceremonies through to the thriving fully-fledged bespoke writing service you see today.

You'll find testimonials, emails and messages here from a wide variety of clients: wedding couples, their friends and relations, parents whose children I have named, guideparents and other contributors, couples celebrating their Renewal of Vows, Consultancy clients, wedding planners, venue owners, Commission clients and more.

Though the 200 summaries available on my site are sourced from some of these same testimonials, there is a lot more here besides. Presented in their natural state, un-edited apart from their chronological order, I hope they give you a sense of all that's possible with the unique Your Three Days approach.

Above all, I hope they make you smile. There is so much emotion, sincerity and significance captured in these pages. They represent so well all the wonderful people it has been my pleasure and privilege to work for so far...

Hannah Wroe Gill



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#### <u>2020</u>

#### Wedding - Alexa + Chris - 20th March 2020 - Losehill House, Derbyshire

'Hannah is an amazing Celebrant and an even more amazing woman who we would thoroughly recommend. From the start she remained supportive whilst helping us to keep on track with the stages and steps of compiling our wedding ceremony. She helped to keep the stress to a minimum in this process by breaking it down into small manageable stages, which really helped us to maintain other aspects of wedding planning.

The lead up to the wedding was in unfortunate circumstances, whereby the Coronavirus pandemic hit. This was an extremely stressful time for us, with not knowing if our wedding would go ahead but Hannah helped us to remain positive. She went above and beyond for us, and even called our hotel ahead of our stay and arranged for us to be upgraded to the best room, leaving a personal message for us. In times where we couldn't help but feel anxious, Hannah alleviated these feelings and helped us to be excited for our wedding as we should have been.

The ceremony itself was fantastic as well. As a Celebrant Hannah is charismatic and captivating and kept the guests interested. She summarised our lives perfectly and the ceremony matched our personalities to a tee. Hannah's ability to read people as a couple and individuals is an excellent asset.

To us, Hannah became more than our Celebrant. We felt an instant connection as I'm sure everyone else does and we now consider her as a friend. Chris and Alexa X'

#### Naming - Jude - 2nd February 2020 - Denshaw Village Hall, Oldham \*

'Thanks. Thanks. Thanks. Loved it! When we sat down on the sofa last night we both just felt really humbled. James'

Message from Jen and James following their 3rd YTD ceremony.

#### Naming - Clemmie - 25th January 2020 - Crosby Event Centre, Merseyside

'We've had some time to come down to earth from yesterday's lovely event and we've sat and opened the generous gifts our friends and family have given to Clemmie too.

we wanted to thank you again. The ceremony was just what we wanted: a great balance of relaxed formality, humour and love.

We look forward to receiving the copy of the ceremony next week. We will cherish it. Warm regards,

Jen, Gray and Clem X'

#### 2019

#### Wedding - Jen + Josh - 29th December 2019 - Waterton Park, Wakefield

'Thank you again for our perfect day. We can't thank you enough for making our day so memorable. Love, Jen & Josh XXX' A *thank you all the way from Australia*.

#### Wedding - Bobbie + Rebecca - 9th November 2019 - Craven Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'Hannah - we cannot thank you enough for making our special day so perfect!

We were excited about having a ceremony that resonated with our values and your creation was more than we could have envisioned. Your passion for your work was evident through every step of the process.

The ceremony was so personal and our guests told us afterwards how right the ceremony was for us and our relationship. The day flowed effortlessly and the months of hard work putting together the perfect ceremony really paid off.

when we look back at our wedding we will always remember how perfect you made it for us.'

Bobbie and Rebecca

#### Wedding - Gillian + Ankit - 2nd November 2019 - Holdsworth House, Halifax

'Thank you for making our wedding day so perfect - romantic, moving and funny in equal parts! If you are looking for vows that are unique and truly meaningful, don't hesitate in booking Hannah.

She really guided us through the process and we definitely learnt more about each other and how we felt (both about each other and marriage) as a result. The time Hannah invests getting to know you, asking the right questions and putting together something beautiful really pays off.

Our vows were absolutely amazing and meant so much to us, and all our guests since the wedding have said how lovely they were. We cannot recommend Hannah highly enough!

Thank you a thousand times. Can we do it all over again?!' Gillian and Ankit

#### Consultancy - A memorial for baby Sol - 26th October 2019 \*

'The ceremony was beautiful.

Everyone was blown away and we are just so grateful that they were really able to feel as though they knew our baby boy. He was so special, and so loved, and it means the world to us that we shared this. Your incredible talent enabled that. Thank you so much.

You are a very special lady Hannah. In our darkest times, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I cannot imagine there being anybody else I could have felt in safe hands with.

Thanks agaín, Sarah xxx'

#### Venue owner - Alex from Beechenhill - October 2019

'Hannah is a pleasure to work with: truly a ray of sunshine.

She is thoughtful, jolly and considerate. During wedding days when all is time dependent, highly emotional and sometimes chaotic, she is a calm presence, bringing her unique wit and wisdom.

We love working with Hannah.' Alex *No longer hosting weddings sadly but still a fabulous place to stay*.

# Naming - Charlotte - 8th September 2019 - Norbury Farm, Stockport \*

'Thank you again for such a fabulous day. Many of our family § friends have commented how personal it was.We loved every minute of it! Good luck for the future. Best wishes, Gemma § Gavin' *Thank you card* 

'Thanks Hannah. Yes it was lovely to meet you. I was really struck by what a lovely lady you were and how well you performed the ceremony. It was such a lovely day. Kind regards, Eve' (quide-parent)

#### Wedding - Kulthoum + Daniel - 6th September 2019 - Waterton Park, Wakefield

'I never thought I would ever say this - but, I miss the wedding planning, the hype and the excitement - it came and went way too quickly!!

Nearly everyone I spoke to on the day has complimented your work and found it to be a very intimate ceremony which you managed to bring together just as we imagined it to be. I don't usually get emotional easily, but you brought tears of happiness throughout the ceremony.

Daniel and I were very lucky to have someone like you 'marry us' for the final time. Thank you so, so much for everything Hannah. We truly appreciate it. I sure hope we cross paths someday, maybe again when we renew our vows in a few decades. Kisses and hugs, Kulthoum & Daniel XXX'

KT + Daniel had 3 wedding ceremonies: a Nikah, a legal ceremony + our bespoke.

## Commission – a mini 'May your son always be sung' – September 2019 \*

'Wonderful! In fact it's perfect. Thank you very much indeed. What a speedy project. I've been meaning to ask you all year § your brochure finally prompted me. Bit last minute, but done in time! I will take a photo of the printed version and send to you so you can see it framed. Fab! Thanks!

Meg X'

In honour of Meg's aunt's birthday + involving contributions from 3 loved ones

# Consultancy - Eulogies for Phil - 29th August 2019 \*

"just wanted to say Thank You! You did a remarkable job!

You have given Phil the best send off ever! I struggled to answer the questions you sent me, not because I didn't have the answers, but because of the reality of when the questions would be heard.

Listening to the eulogy you wrote brought back so many happy memories of Phil, it was a fantastic tribute.

Forever grateful, Carolyn X'

'You díd a beautiful job of capturing Phil's warmth, attitude and spirit in those pieces. I hope to see you again, it's a pleasure knowing you and working with you.' Kay

'Thank you for all your help - it was very emotional and painful to say goodbye but also wonderful to hear and see all those amazing things about Phil. Jane xx'

'You created a wonderful day. Thank you so much. All the best for the future, Josh'

# Wedding - Caitlin + James - 24th August 2019 - Fairfield Social Club, Manchester

'Thank you so much for Saturday and for everything you did to make such an incredible day even more special than it could ever have been.

The ceremony was just so lovely and will be remembered by all. Everybody that we spoke to commented on how amazing, memorable and unique it was. It really went better than we could have imagined.

We will cherish the memories that were created with your help forever and you have our eternal gratitude.' Caitlin and James 'Thank you for helping create such an amazing and memorable day for us, our family + our friends. It was such a delight to work with you. All our love, Caitlin + James X' *Thank you card* 

# Wedding - Carys + Darrell - 17th August 2019 - The Huntsman Inn, Holmfirth

'Thank you so, so much, as you said the day couldn't have been better and your celebration was perfect! Thank you ever so much.

Thank you for your kind words and wishes, the smart copy of the script and well wishes, but most of all for making such a brilliant contribution to our day - and for chivvying us along so many times to get us to that point!

Everyone we have spoken to said how lovely you were and your ceremony was. Best wishes,

Carys and Darrell XX'

'Thank you so, so much for everything you did for our wedding day. The ceremony was absolutely perfect. We couldn't have wished for anything better. Love from Carys and Darrell XX' *Note in card* 

# Wedding - Natalie + Joe - 3rd August 2019 - Scraptoft Hill Farm, Leicester

'We would like to say thank you for all that you did in both shaping and delivering our ceremony on Saturday.

We lost track of the number of people who came up to us both during and after the day to tell us how much they loved it and how touched they were by what you said. Both of us feel that you have given us such a gift: the ceremony was everything we wanted it to be and it will stay with us for many years to come.' Natalie and Joe

'We chose this card because the weather gave us some sleepless nights in the build up to our wedding! Of course, we needn't have worried because, rain or shine, you would have made sure that we had a fantastic ceremony.

Thank you so much for putting together such a wonderful ceremony for us. It contained so many 'nice things' and had at its heart all of the sentiments we wished to convey. So many people commented on how touched they were by the ceremony and how impressed they were with you.

We're so grateful for your time and hard work and have really enjoyed working with you these past few months. We wish you all the best for the future and we look forward to booking you for the renewal of our vows in 25 years time!! Natalie & Joe XX' *Thank you card*  'Thank you Hannah! We hope these sunflowers bring you plenty of sunshine for your forthcoming ceremonies! Love from Natalie and Joe' *Note with flowers* 

#### Naming - Theo - 29th July 2019 - at home in Lancashire

'Thank you so much for yesterday. It was everything we hoped! So many people commented on how nice it was and how good you were! Katie ξ Dan'

## wedding - Claire + Chris - 27th July 2019 - 'The Star', Wakefield

'Thank you for this. I've just read it... I absolutely love it. It's amazing and exactly what we wanted! Best wishes, Claire' *On reading their first draft*.

#### Wedding - Gemma + David - 6th July 2019 - Lower Damgate Farm, Derbyshire

'We wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support and care over the last year or so.

The ceremony completely surpassed all our expectations and we only have you to thank for that. It was such a beautiful day and truly felt unique and special to us.

Thank you so much for everything - we'll share some photos with you when we get chance! (Minus the random 'observers' in the background!) Best wishes, Gemma and David' *Some walkers decided to have their picnic and watch!* 

'Sorry we missed you when you left on Saturday, but Ken and I would just like to say a big thank you for the part you played in making Gemma and David's day so special. The whole day was lovely. Thank you again, Anth & Ken' (Bride's parents)

'This is absolutely amazing! I will admit I had a little cry reading it! It's completely beyond anything either of us expected. Many thanks, Gemma and David' *On reading their first draft*.

## Naming - Henry - 9th June 2019 - At home, West Yorkshire \*

'I wanted to say a super thank you, again, for a great ceremony and despite everything getting a bit stressful upon the arrival of unexpected rain, the day was perfect! Everyone said how lovely the ceremony was, and just right for Henry, Thank you!

I have loved every minute of organizing the two naming ceremonies we have had, and thoroughly enjoyed working with you both times. Who knows what the future may bring - maybe one day we might get round to actually setting a date for having a ceremony of our own!

Best wishes from us four xxxx' Kim and Danny

#### Renewal of vows - Clare + Dave - 4th May 2019 - Thornton Manor, Cheshire

'Thank you for such a kind note. But thanks most of all for Saturday and the part you played in making it special.

Your calm, encouraging, light-hearted but grounding presence made for a beautiful ceremony. You also made the preparation easy and we never once experienced being rushed or under pressure. Your kindness and empathy around my mum's situation was much appreciated and we were grateful that we didn't have to explain our distraction and occasional lack of focus!

we've had amazing feedback about the whole ceremony... we did, as you said, "hit it out the park"!!

Warmest wishes Clare & Dave'

#### Wedding - Diana + Stephen - 3rd May 2019 - Losehill House Hotel, Derbyshire

'We were seeking a simple, secular ceremony and Hannah came with a strong recommendation which was much deserved.

We had a small, intimate wedding with two families who had scarcely met before. Hannah expertly controlled, the content, pace and tempo of our wedding ceremony. Friendly, witty but serious when necessary, Hannah ensured happiness pervaded this very special occasion.

Detailed planning in the months and weeks leading up to the day was key, using what we grew to recognise as Hannah's "Emotionally Intelligent" approach to developing exactly the right ceremony; bespoke for us. Hannah inspired confidence. In her preparation, Hannah liaised with the hotel's wedding planner and all the other key contributors such as the photographer, florist and musician, not forgetting the family members who had key roles. It all ran seamlessly.

Our wedding day was a truly, magic occasion. Thank you Hannah.' Diana and Stephen

# Wedding – Louise + Matt – 13th April 2019 – Beechenhill Farm, Derbyshire

'We knew from the word go that we wanted a wedding ceremony with a difference and one that represented how we are as a couple. We also knew we wanted to write our own individual vows to each other.

We had fallen in love with Beechenhill Farm's wedding venue and knew we wanted something that complemented our style of wedding. After looking into what a humanist ceremony would involve we knew this was exactly what we were after and having spoken to Hannah on the phone for the first time we knew from that instant that we could entrust her with our ceremony.

The process was fun and enjoyable. It made us think about our relationship and what we appreciate most about the other. Hannah was very flexible and patient during this process.

The day was exactly what we had imagined and more, it was perfect in every single way and we are finding it very hard to put into words. The emotion that was captured in the room and between the two of us is something that will stay with us until we take our last breath. We had lots of our guests come up to us after the ceremony crying and telling us that it was the best wedding they had ever been to.

If you're thinking you want a ceremony that is unique and personalised to you as a couple then don't hesitate to look into this type of ceremony. The amount of money we spent soon become irrelevant as we now know that every penny spent was 100% worth it as it was exactly what we had dreamt of and more.

At the end of the day you only get married once and we found that all the small thought through details were the ones that meant the most to us.' Louise and Matt

'The emotion that you captured was like nothing I've experienced: it was like time stood still and we were all in this little love bubble. Such a precious memory/day.We're so pleased we found you to take our ceremony. Lots of love, Louise and Matt'

'Thanks for making our ceremony just how we wanted it. Everyone said some lovely comments and that everyone was sobbing happy tears. We've really enjoyed the build up

to the day. The day itself was perfect and more than what we could have ever wished for!' Lou and Matt

# Naming - Ethan - 30th March 2019 - Topcliffe Village Hall, North Yorkshire \*

'It really díd go well and everyone loved it. Thank you so much for conducting Ethan's ceremony. It's lovely to have both brothers named by the same Celebrant several years apart.

The day ran so smoothly....and that was helped greatly by your organisation and attention to detail. We will treasure the script....a copy will be going on Ethan's memory box. Thank you also for going above and beyond...helping cook pizzas and holding Ethan!!

We wish you all the success with your Your Three Days business. We, for one, highly recommend you!

Adèle § Jon'

# Consultancy - full bespoke script for Luke + Ewan - 29th February 2019

'We knew from the very beginning of our wedding planning that constructing our ceremony wording ourselves was never going to happen but we knew we wanted to. Where do we even begin?

Hannah was the answer, to the question and all of our problems.

As we got married in Scotland, the content of a wedding ceremony can be as personal and bespoke as you like considering all legal terminology is included. This gave us so much to think about and we needed guidance to put our hearts down on paper. We needed someone to write a beautiful ceremony from start to finish that was personal to us and also reflected what our marriage means to us.

We hoped for someone to pretty much hold our hands all the way through in creating a bespoke piece of writing that explained how much we meant to one another, making sure we didn't miss anything vital or important we wanted to say. We got all of that and more.

On the day our Registrar executed our writing to the highest calibre and to us it was the most special moment. It was nice for the both of us to hear the special parts we had not heard before including a lovely message from our parents. We had fantastic comments from our guests too from 'I just want to say that was beautiful' to 'We've never been to a wedding like it'. The ceremony was perfect and this is all thanks to Hannah.

From the first email to the last we felt the whole process was flawless, the way we constructed our ceremony step-by-step was easily managed and no question was a stupid

one. Before we found Hannah the stress levels were getting quite high, as we near enough had a full wedding planned with no ceremony, but after our first conversations a weight had been lifted and our minds soothed.

Your Three Days is your only option if you want an A class wedding.' Luke and Ewan

'Well, what can we say, absolutely fantastic ceremony with comments from most that they have never heard anything like it.

Tears of happiness from nearly all our guests. The feedback regarding the ceremony has just been amazing with everyone telling us all day they have never been to a wedding like it. Our Registrar did a fantastic job and executed the ceremony well.

We cannot thank you enough and we are ever so grateful. Once we are back from our honeymoon and our 'proper' pictures are with us we will write you a testimonial (along with picture) which we cannot wait to do and we hope we can put it down in words how amazing the whole process with you was.

Stress free, no worries and painless. Warmest regards, Mr ξ Mr W-P'

#### Wedding - Laura + Steven - 23rd February 2019 - The Saddle Room, Leyburn

'We are so pleased that we chose Hannah as our Celebrant- from the very beginning of the process she was extremely warm and friendly.

During the whole planning stages, you could tell it was going to be a very personalized ceremony, due to the amount of effort and care she took in getting to know us as a couple, our lives and backgrounds. She also encouraged us to write down our own words and stories about each other, so she could incorporate this into her ceremony. She was exceptionally organised and always responding to emails, so it was just one less thing for us to worry about in the build up to the wedding knowing she had everything in hand.

On the day she was warm and heartfelt, moving many relatives and friends to tears with her words. People commented on how it was a lovely, personalized and different service to the usual wedding ceremonies. We have been to a few Humanist wedding ceremonies now and (I am not just being biased when I say this!) it was by far the best, as the effort that went into getting to know us really made the difference.

We would thoroughly recommend her to anyone and it even inspired one of my cousins to meet with Hannah about becoming a Celebrant herself!' Laura and Steven 'Thank you again for everything you did to make our wedding day so special. We appreciated so much all the effort and time you put into planning the ceremony – it was so personalised and reflected us perfectly. Thank you again. Love from Steven and Laura XX' *Thank you card* 

# Wedding - Heidi + Sam - 3rd January 2019 - Hazel Gap Barn, Nottinghamshire

## 'Where do we begin?

For us both, the ceremony that Hannah had created for us was the highlight of our entire day. It was emotional, personal and encapsulated perfectly our relationship and us as a couple. We had comments from all of our guests about how amazing the ceremony was. It was different to your usual ceremony and had everyone captivated from start to finish.

The personal touches from our friends and family, the poems and contributions that Hannah suggested and wrote so effortlessly, were a wonderful surprise for us both. Working together with Hannah over the 9 months leading up to the wedding were stress free and a whole lot of fun. We thoroughly enjoyed answering the questions about each other and reflecting on our 10 years together, which made it that extra bit special and personal.

It was a wonderful experience collaborating with Hannah and having that input into our ceremony. Hannah not only organised and wrote the ceremony itself, she also liaised with the venue and our photographer and videographer, to ensure that they knew the Order of Service in detail and could capture all of the special moments during the ceremony. She arranged a run through at the venue a few days before to help calm our nerves and get excited for our big day.

Another wonderful touch that Hannah suggested was that we stood facing our guests throughout the ceremony. It was so lovely for us to all share our love and happiness together, laughing and crying with our loved ones. This only heightened the emotion and connection that we all felt throughout.

All in all the ceremony lasted 43 minutes... 43 minutes of pure joy, telling the story of Sam and Heidi, the childhood sweethearts, and we didn't want it to end. The words Hannah wrote for us were beautiful and we are very lucky to have the whole ceremony recorded. We are extremely excited to watch this for the first time on our 1st Wedding Anniversary.

Hannah is extremely kind, professional and genuinely wants the day to be perfect. She goes above and beyond her role as a Celebrant and I could not recommend her enough. At the start of the process she is your Celebrant, but by the end she leaves a friend.

From the bottom of our hearts...thank you. Heidi and Sam'

'We've now just about come back down to Earth, roughly directly underneath where you are now, after an amazing period of our life celebrating our partnership. We really wanted to officially acknowledge and thank you for your contributions to our marriage.

Honestly, we're not sure we could have had a better ceremony. For us, it was such an important and symbolic part of our day that we really wanted to be something extraordinary. The level of emotion, mixed with both sincerity and humour, made for a half-hour that truly represented us as people. This would not have been possible without your expertise, knowledge and amazing presence.

Right from the first time we spoke with you, we knew we were in safe hands. You clearly have a passion for what you do and this shows in the level of planning and composure you demonstrate. Particularly with us being based overseas, we always felt that our ceremony was in control and would come together amazingly, and it did so infinitely.

The amount of people that told us that they felt our ceremony was the best one they have ever attended is testament to your work, so we really thank you so much Hannah, and wish you all the best for everything moving forward - hopefully our paths cross again at some point in the future!

Yours faithfully, Sam and Heidi B' *Email sent once back home in New Zealand* 

'We will write you a much more thorough email to express the immense thanks we have for you, but just an initial note to acknowledge how amazing yesterday was. It was simply the best day of our lives, and the perfect ceremony.

We're really enjoying reading all of the contributions, so thank you for sharing those. Speak soon, Sam and Heidi'

'Thank you so very much for making the day absolutely perfect for Sam and Heidi. I know that the day was better than they could have ever imagined and your words were wonderful. Alice' (Groom's sister)

'The whole day was perfect from start to finish so thank you so much for your part in that. Words mean so much on a day like yesterday and you expressed it beautifully. Happy 2019! Kind regards, Linda' (Mother of the Groom)

'The wedding was nothing short of magical. Thank you for your part on making it so. I've never been to a ceremony quite like it. Not just my words, I'm echoing the many compliments I received from all who had the pleasure to attend. Thank you, Susan' (Mother of the Bride)

#### Wedding - Angela + Tom - 2nd January 2019 - Thornton Manor, Cheshire

'Our wedding day was the most amazing day made perfect by a ceremony which was all about our lives together, love for each other and what the future may hold.

As neither Angela or I are religious, a religious ceremony didn't seem fitting, and a civil ceremony seemed a bit regimented. We wanted a ceremony about us, where we have been and where we are going. When we looked into a Humanist ceremony we knew we had found the one for us and Hannah is a fantastic Celebrant.

She made the process very easy. She set lots of tasks and took the time to get to know us which helped the ceremony feel more personable on the day. Hannah liaised with our friends and family for a few surprise readings which were beautiful. Everybody loved her.

People are still telling us it's the best ceremony they have ever seen. It had everything we hoped for; love, laughter and tears. She has helped us make memories forever and we cannot thank her enough.

Love, Mr & Mrs M X'

'You personalised our wedding and made it magical, like a dream come true. We are so grateful we found you. Thank you xxx' *Note on card from Angela and Tom* 

'Thanks Hannah, we had an amazing day and loved how you lead the ceremony and made it so personal. Regards, Anne and Ged' (Groom's parents)

I just wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you for the wonderful service you gave for Angela and Tom. It made the day very special and helped to make the day very memorable. I found your words very fitting and will download them to add to the Memory Box. Thank you again for being part of our day. Best Regards, Wendy' (Mother of the Bride)

#### 2018

# Naming - Wilf - 17th November 2018 - 'Style and Salvaged', uppermill \*

'Thank you so much for conducting our ceremony yesterday. It was once again fabulous. Totally perfect for us. With love, from Jane, Mark, Woody & Wilf XXXX' 'Thank you so much for the absolute pleasure of being a part of your service. It was my first experience attending and speaking at a celebration like Wilf's. It was certainly a special day, and I loved being a part of such an intimate and wholesome experience. You certainly have a wonderful job, and I hope to see you again in the future - maybe once I've had my own children, if not before!

# Best wíshes,

Harriet x (guide-parent)

# Wedding - Sam + Josh - 14th October 2018 - Merrydale Manor, Knutsford

'We can't believe it's nearly been a year since our wedding and we are so, so grateful to you for the amazing job you did!

From start to finish you were just incredible and so helpful and supportive. Especially with our situation you adapted things to make it as easy as possible without compromising on the detail.

The ceremony you created and then delivered so wonderfully was perfect! You brought most people to tears especially my dad, my sister and Josh's mum! It was everything we could've dreamt of and more!

You're the absolute best!! Thank you thank you thank you!!

Wishing you all the best and thank you again, Sam, Josh and family xx'

'It was so, so touching – how you phrased your words and how they were delivered. I have to say your ceremony was the most beautiful ceremony we have heard at a wedding. It was absolutely perfect and so many of the guests mentioned it. Tobiah' (Tobiah Tayo Photography)

'I just wanted to drop you a line to say a HUGE thank you for all your incredible work, patience and support leading up to and on the day of Sam and Josh's wedding.

I am so glad of your involvement and for delivering such a beautiful humanist ceremony. It really was an absolute pleasure to work with you and I look forward to us working together soon.

With sincere thanks and best wishes, Helen XX' (Helen Eriksen – Helen Eriksen Weddings)

# Naming - Elsie + Teddy - 7th October 2018 - The 'Rose and Crown', Slaithwaite

'We decided we wanted a humanist ceremony for our twins' naming day rather than a christening as neither of us are religious. However we still wanted to do something special

and to have all our friends and family there to celebrate the twins and how lucky we were to have them.

We had looked on the internet for people to conduct the ceremony and came across Hannah. The reviews were outstanding which sold her to us but it was also really fab that she was in the next village to us, which made it even more special.

We weren't disappointed at all. The whole process was lovely and she spent so much time getting to know us and our stories and allowing us to have all the input but guided us so well, which made the whole process very easy.

The day itself was wonderful and the ceremony Hannah delivered was just perfect and so personal. It felt like she knew us and our family so well. All our guests commented on how well she had done.

We are so grateful for everything Hannah did to make our day perfect and thank her from the bottom of hearts for making it a day we will treasure forever.' Catherine and Bev

# Wedding - Laura + Lee - 1st September 2018 - The Woodlands at The Old Hough

'We want to thank you for your part in making our wedding day extra special.

We cannot describe how happy we were with what you delivered on the day. Not only on the day, but the whole process from when we first got in touch to the beautiful ceremony you gave was an absolute pleasure.

From Day One it was obvious you genuinely cared about helping us make the day super special and personal. Your passion for what you do really comes across and considering we live 4000 miles away you made us immediately feel at ease and that we had made the right decision in choosing you as our Celebrant.

You gave a very special personal touch to all of our meetings before the big day and your 'homework assignments' really made each of us think about the commitment we were making to each other and putting that commitment into words.

Thank you Hannah. Laura & Lee'

'Hannah – thank you so much for making our day so unique and personal and contributing to the magic of our day, Laura and Lee xxx' *Note with flowers and chocolates* 

'I just wanted to say thank you so much for doing such a fabulous job for Laura and Lee. Lots of guests commented on how personal and touching their humanist ceremony was! I know they found it really special too. I saw what care you took in ensuring everything was just perfect for them – a planner's dream, someone as organised as us!

Thank you for the great communication throughout and it's been lovely working with you.

Andrea XX' (Andrea Swift - 'Fabulous Together')

# Naming - Lily - 26th August 2018 - The Oddfellows, Cheadle

'I wanted to create a very special naming day for my little girl and I, family and friends – something non religious and very personal to us. I did so much research online and local to us and came across Hannah.

We had a couple of chats on the phone and I knew that the process would be enjoyable, organized and personal to us as Hannah has her clients at the heart of what she does. Being a great listener and writer was obviously a great advantage. I worked with Hannah to create a super special day for us.

The humanist ceremony itself was perfect, albeit a little crazy with lots of 2 year olds in the room! Hannah even organized us all afterwards to make sure we got the photographs we wanted. I'd recommend her as she is very experienced, kind and generous with her time and works with you to create what's right for you and your family.' Sarah

# Wedding - Mel + Mark - 18th August 2018 - Victoria Warehouse, Manchester

Thank you so much.

we're both very happy with how you planned and conducted the ceremony and everything seemed to go without a hitch.

You put Mel and I at great ease and we felt as though we were in good hands throughout. Many thanks to you and all the best.

Best Wishes, Mark'

'Thank you Hannah! It was everything we could have wished for. We got lots of compliments about the humanist ceremony too so many thanks again. Mrs A xx'

Just a note to say the biggest of thanks to you for our wonderful wedding on Saturday! It was everything we'd hoped for plus more and your ceremony really made it perfect for us. Love Mr & Mrs A' *Note with a fabulous Biscuiteers gingerbread man!* 

# Consultancy – bespoke mírror ímage toasts for Sarah + Kírk – 10th August 2018

'Our day was wonderful and beautiful memories made. Everyone commented on how emotional and full of love the bespoke speeches were. Thank you being part of our day.

# Best wíshes, Kírk and Sarah xxxxx'

#### Wedding - Janette + Neil - 21st July 2018 - Standedge Visitor Centre, Marsden

'During the early stages of our wedding planning, we were debating what type of ceremony to have.

We'd arranged the legal element, but we wanted something more personal and memorable. Then we stumbled across Hannah and everything fell into place.

Not only díd Hannah gíve us exactly the humanist ceremony we'd been looking for, she was a great advisor and friend throughout the whole of our wedding preparations. Whenever we were unsure about whether something would work or not, Hannah was on hand to steer us in the right direction.

Working with Hannah is very much a partnership, and there's work involved on both sides. Hannah suggests a bespoke well-defined framework for the ceremony, but it takes input from the happy couple and their friends and family to feed into that framework. The process of answering questions is both fun and thought-provoking and reinforces all the reasons you've chosen to marry your new partner.

Hannah took all the gathered information and weaved it into a highly personalised ceremony, that we worked together to refine.

Hannah puts a lot of time into her assignment – she spent time with us at home, at the venue helping to sort out logistics in advance of the wedding and, on the day itself, shepherding guests into the right locations and performing the ceremony.

There was laughter and tears (happy ones!) during our ceremony and it was lovely to see how our audience were engaged and interested too. It was personal, it was fun but most of all it really meant something more than the sum of the parts.

Hannah took so much worry out of our wedding arrangements and played a huge part in making our wedding day everything we could wish for.' Janette and Neil

'Thank you for making 21st July 2018 such a very special day.

The ceremony and your delivery was everything we hoped for – solemn when required with a dollop of fun – you really did make our guests laugh and cry!

Thank you for sharing our special day with us and for marrying us in such style!

Lots of love, Janette and Neil XXX' *Thank you card* 

# Wedding - Julie + Gary - 14th July 2018 - Whitley Hall Hotel, Sheffield

'4 weeks ago. What an amazing day. Thank you so much for everything. It was truly a fairytale. We would love to do a testimonial for you and I'm sure will have some wonderful pictures. Fondest regards, Julie and Gary xxx'

'Yesterday was my first experience of a humanist celebration – what a lovely occasion. It was so uniquely personal, very moving and so wonderful to share with such special friends. Thank you, Claire' *Message from contributor and guest* 

#### Wedding - Sharon + Dave - 7th July 2018 - Holiday Inn Leeds, Brighouse

'We cannot thank you enough for making our dream wedding come true.

We played the ceremony out with you and in our heads many times but on the day it was one million times better than we could have ever imagined. It really was the most perfect day!

From the moment we entered the room the atmosphere was electric. The ceremony was so personal to them and us that there was not a dry eye in the congregation. The emotions were so high and there was so much love in the room that we are still feeling extremely blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives.

The wedding quite honestly would not have been what it was without your recommendations on room layout, logistics, your amazing delivery of the ceremony and stage presence and not least your crowd control skills.

Everyone is still talking about it and it will forever be the best day of our lives. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our dream come true!' Sharon and Dave

'Thank you so much for your lovely email.

We had a lovely time working with you also here at the hotel and I think Dave and Sharon were very happy indeed. There were a lot of tears.

We would look forward to being able to work with you again.

Kind regards and all the best, Aimee' (Hotel Events Planner)

#### Wedding - Miriam + Ray - 29th June 2018 - 'The Swan' at the Globe, London

'What can we say? Our wedding – and the ceremony especially – completely exceeded our expectations.

The weather helped, of course, but mostly it was the personal nature of the ceremony, its well-judged blend of intimacy and emotion, which you brought out by all the planning, questions and well-wishing emails. You also lent an air of quiet authority over proceedings, which gave it the necessary gravitas of a wedding ceremony. As you'd expect, we were especially touched by the well-wishing words of the children.

We would never have achieved such a ceremony without you, so thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts! Feel free to add this to your (burgeoning) testimonial collection if you like. If you'd like a picture of you doing the ceremony I'll send one on when the professional pictures come through.

We are going to miss your emails now. Thank you once again for helping us on one of the most important days of our lives and sharing it with us. We'll never forget.

Kínd regards, Ray and Míríam'

#### Wedding - Ashlea + Dave - 17th June 2018 - Sandhole Oak Barn, Cheshire

'Thank you so much for your kind words and for making our day even more special and memorable than we could have hoped for.

We really appreciate everything you have done for us and will certainly be singing for praises for years to come.

Thank you again and all the best for the future!

Many thanks, as always,

Ashlea and Dave'

# Wedding - Amy + Ric – 16th June 2018 – Thornsett Fields Barn, Derbyshire

'As things are getting back to normal we have been thinking back on what a fantastic day we had at the barn.

In particular, we thought we really needed to get back in touch with you in an attempt to express how great the humanist ceremony was and all the help you gave us on the lead up to the day and the day itself. Your experience with the job showed in so many situations we can barely recall them all.

We're so glad we picked you! Thank you so much. Mr ξ Mrs. C (and James too)'

# Naming - Ben – 10th June 2018 – Limelight Old Trafford, Manchester \*

'We had the utter pleasure of working with Hannah on the naming ceremony for our daughter Nina in 2014, so when Ben arrived 3 years later, it was a no-brainer to ask her to be involved again!

Her warmth and genuine interest and care for her clients and their families is incredible, and the work she put in speaking to guide parents, coordinating readings, clarifying details and running through proceedings meant the lead-up to the Big Day was wonderfully relaxed.

This carried over into the naming itself, which we were keen to hold within our lovely urban community, and Ben's guests were bowled over by the intimate and personal humanist ceremony, which was full of laughter and wisdom. Everyone loved tying their wishes on to Ben's oak tree, which is now flourishing in a windswept corner of North Wales!

I can't recommend Hannah híghly enough. She is a wonder and played a huge part in making our children's Naming Days such beautiful experiences. Naomí & Dan XXX'

'We just wanted to say the most enormous THANK YOU for organising and leading such a beautiful, touching and personal ceremony for Ben, and, well, us all, really. Everyone we spoke to enthused about it, and there were a few teary eyes I believe! Once again, it has been a delight working with you.' Naomi

#### Wedding - Beccy + Mark - 28th April 2018 - Beechenhill Farm, Ilam

'Thanks so much for your lovely comments. We were delighted with how it all went and had a truly wonderful day. I'm glad to hear you did too.

The ceremony was everything we could have wished for and we had many positive comments from all the guests – a few were talking about arranging humanist wedding ceremonies for their children!

we've really enjoyed the whole process with you. It has certainly made us think about our relationship and what we want out of our future together.

Thanks again for all your help. We've very much enjoyed the journey with you and are looking forward to seeing the final script.

Best wishes for the future, Beccy and Mark X'

# Naming - Sienna - Sunday 18th March 2018 - Garstang Golf Club, Garstang

'We just want to say a massive thank you for making Sienna's Naming Day so special.

You really did bring it all together and the ceremony was everything we hoped for and more. We got so many lovely compliments off family and friends about the ceremony,

especially how personal it was. Thank you! We had such a lovely day and will always look back with fond memories.

Thank you again, Ría, Scott and Sienna X'

# Wedding - Roisin + Paul - 17th March 2018 - Yellow Arch Studios, Sheffield

'Right from Paul proposing, we both knew we wanted a personal wedding which meant something to us, reflected our lives and values and represented us. Paul had been to a humanist ceremony in the past and was loved the personal and individual approach. So a humanist wedding was exactly what we wanted!

We spent a lot of time researching Humanist Celebrants, and came across Hannah on the Humanist website. After talking to her on the phone, it was clear Hannah was the Celebrant for us: she was as excited as we were about our engagement and wedding! She gave brilliant advice, without pressure or judgement, and was more than happy to calm any worries or concerns with a friendly email.

Hannah really took the time to get to know us as individuals and as a couple, which made the ceremony even more personal, it felt more like a friend was conducting it. All our friends and family commented on our unique, personal and moving service even to this day!

Hannah was brilliant in guiding us through the process of creating the humanist ceremony and when we decided to write our own secret(!) vows. With her infectious excitement, Hannah took time in helping us to write the vows and perfectly understood the importance of them to us.

The cost of hiring Hannah reflects her experience, enthusiasm and professionalism. We approached other (cheaper) Celebrants, but no other gave us the feeling that our wedding was as important to them as it was to us. Nor did they seem they would be as involved as Hannah was in helping craft the perfect day.

As we were always set on having a humanist ceremony, we always viewed the separate legal ceremony as just that – a paperwork exercise (even dressing in our comfy clothes to reinforce the fact we didn't see that as our official wedding!). Our venue was not licensed to perform weddings, so we 'had' to have a separate legal ceremony on the morning of our humanist wedding. But it meant we could have a little private moment with just our parents and each other before the madness of getting ready for our actual wedding and ceremony.

So overall, we cannot recommend Hannah enough! She has an amazing ability to make you feel like you are the only couple she's working with. The humanist ceremony she created for us was more than we could ever imagine. Every detail had been considered, and it was personal to the very end, nothing was generic.

To this day our friends and family comment on how our wedding was a beautiful day and how the ceremony reflected us perfectly as a couple. We loved every minute of it! We cannot thank Hannah enough for all her time, excitement and for the delivery of the ceremony itself.

Perfect doesn't even cover ít!!' Roísín and Paul

'You have been amazing!!! We could not have asked for a better Celebrant and a more perfect service. Roisin and Paul X' *Note sent with bouquet* 

# Renewal of vows - Mandy + Lee - 4th March 2018 - Waterton Park, Wakefield

'Ahh! Thank you so much for our lovely ceremony. The amount of people that commented how amazing it was has been wonderful - the best ceremony they've been to! Lots of fabulous comments. Once again, thank you and look forward to hearing from you soon. Warmest regards, Lee and Mandy xxx'

# Renewal of vows - Emma + Alan - 3rd March 2018 - Deanwater Hotel, Cheshíre

'I would like to say a big thank you from the pair of us for helping make the day even more memorable and we look forward to seeing you in 2038! Alan'

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# Naming - Logan - 17th December 2017 - Old Golf Course Hotel, Outlane

'Thank you so much for Sunday, you were brilliant! The ceremony was perfect and we received so many lovely comments. Happy Holidays and thank you again! Lindsay'

#### Wedding - Laura + Nick - 14th October 2017 - Craven Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'Yesterday was amazing, thank you. From the feedback of guests it seems everyone was pleasantly surprised, as they didn't know what to expect and said it was beautiful. Thanks again, Nick'

# Naming - Kayla - 17th September 2017 - 'The Spiced Pear', Holmfirth

Your professional manner and the way you took the time to speak to all our guests was lovely!!

Thank you so much for your wonderful organisation and pulling all our ideas together. We can't recommend you enough!

I want to do a review for you...where do you want me to write it?! Ps it was a pleasure to meet you.

Gary & Lee XX'

## Wedding - Jade + Tom - Saturday 2nd September 2017 - 'Crow Hill', Marsden

'I can't even begin to describe how perfect the wedding was: truly magical and the humanist ceremony absolutely made the whole day!

Thank you so much for everything, we were so happy with everything from start to finish. You made us feel so comfortable and at ease in the morning, took care of every little detail and took us on the most wonderful journey in our ceremony.

We have had so many wonderful comments and feedback!

Thanks again for everything, Jade & Tom'

#### Wedding - Emma + Tom - 28th August 2017 - 'Crow Hill', Marsden

'We cannot even thank you enough. Words cannot describe how amazing it was!! It felt just incredible to have everyone there and your words were so powerful and intimate.

Everyone was telling us how much they loved the ceremony and how special it was, they really felt so personal. What a special day it was! I spent a lot of time yesterday getting teary!

You have been so great to work with – so calm and you really put me at ease when I needed it. Thanks again and if you need anything from us in regards to recommendations, statements etc let us know. We will certainly be shouting about you from the rooftops!

Loads of love, Emma & Tom XXX'

#### Naming - Jarvis - 20th August 2017 - Denshaw Village Hall, Saddleworth \*

'Hannah was such an integral part of our wedding and so it was a natural choice for us to invite her back for the naming ceremony of our son, Jarvis.

Much like for our wedding, we got a really personal hands-on experience that extended well beyond the day itself.

All ín all, the work Hannah put ín made the day even more memorable and specíal. James' 'Thank you so much for making yesterday so wonderful, you really do make us feel so special during the ceremony.

Also thank you so much for all of your help with the rest of the running of the day. You know us well and know when to give us little push in the right direction, including washing the starchy grapes!

we had so many of our lovely friends and family commenting on how much they loved the naming ceremony and how they felt privileged to be a part of Jarvis's day.

I hope you enjoyed the cake, Jen'

# Wedding - Lynsey + Michael - 12th August 2017 - 'Spring Cottage', Rivington

'Thank you so much for the smart script. I am sure we will treasure it.

I have got to say that I have read the script quite a few times since the wedding. It brings the day and all the emotion that went with it, in an instant. I can recall the way you said something, the pauses, the look Michael gave me and who I looked out to in the crowd. It is truly wonderful that we will have something so uniquely personal to reminisce over.

I have attached quite a few photos- couldn't choose which to send. I love the spectrum of emotions that they capture- and what you delivered.

Thanks again for all you did, Lynsey and Michael'

'We had the most fantastic day. The ceremony was the definite highlight for both of us.

Michael and I were reflecting on the day last night and he came out with 'I was really dreading the ceremony but it was actually my favourite part of the whole day'. A huge compliment to you for an introvert to come out with something like that!

The ceremony being so personal and meaningful just completely made it. It was everything I hoped it would be and more.

I felt so at ease during the ceremony (and I usually hate being public speaking) and will always remember looking out at everyone watching and Michael looking at me-while you so eloquently told our story- a story that I am so proud of. You completely did it justice.

We received so many compliments on the ceremony. One of Michael's work friends said that if he could do his again, he would have had a ceremony like that. So meaningful, he welled up. Thank you again, for all that you did throughout the process and on the day. I will always remember your kindness and will cherish the memory of the ceremony.' Lynsey

## Wedding - Kerry + Matt - 5th August 2017 - The Old Rectory, Sheffield \*

'First of all I wanted to say thank you so much for organising and running the ceremony so brilliantly. It made our day that much more special.

So many people commented on how amazing the humanist ceremony was, so you may have some people contact you. Perhaps, when we have little ones of our own, we will be in touch about naming ceremonies!

Warmest regards, Matt and Kerry'

# Wedding - Jess + Craig - 30th July 2017 - Eleven Didsbury Park, Manchester

'The ceremony was beyond our wildest dreams.

I can't tell you the number of people who came up to us saying it was the best ceremony they had ever been to, the most personal, and filled with so much genuine emotion. One of our close friends messaged me the next day to say that we were the couple everybody wanted to be and it was the ceremony and wedding that every couple wanted to have.

So much of that was your doing, coordination, delivery on the day and beautiful writing. Craig and I agree that choosing you as our Celebrant was the best decision we made!' Jess and Craig

'We can't thank you enough for the beautiful ceremony you created for us. It completely made the day! Thank you also for all of your guidance and support in the months preceding, and for keeping us on track! It was great to share our day with you. Best wishes, Jess + Craig' *Thank you card* 

#### Wedding - Lizzy + Mark - 29th July 2017 - Craven Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'Throughout the whole of the process of our wedding Hannah has been a delightful, warm, cheerful and wise guide.

She had a real talent for getting to the root of what we wanted to capture, taking our answers to her planning questionnaires and using them to craft a beautiful humanist ceremony that reflected our ideals to the letter, but which also kept our guests entertained and engaged. we chose a humanist ceremony because we don't hold to any dogma and wanted something truly personal. Hannah's skill and experience gave us just that.

But behind the brilliance of the ceremony lies a lot of hard work that guests don't see. The messages and meetings we have had with her have always been practical and insightful, but she never loses an opportunity to put people at ease – from the first conversation there was never any doubt that we could trust her with such an important moment in our lives.

Even in the hours after our vows, she continued to look out for us, making our day go as brilliantly as it possibly could have.

We could have gone for a cheap, Registry Office wedding, but we have never regretted the investment we made in hiring Hannah to build our wedding.

We wouldn't hesitate for a moment in recommending her. She is brilliant.' Lizzy and Mark

# Wedding - Hannah + Pete - 15th July 2017 - 'The Gathering', Edale

'Well our feet have just about touched the ground (just about!)...

...and we wanted to thank you with all of our hearts for everything you have done for us: for guiding us through the pre-wedding process with warmth and good humour; crafting the most personal and touching humanist wedding ceremony; completely bossing the whole organisational thing and corralling our rag-tag bunch of friends into a slickly oiled wedding machine and then delivering the ceremony itself, which – no word of a lie – every single person I spoke to afterwards mentioned how much they enjoyed.

I'm sure you must be used to the compliments by now, but really, everyone said it was either the favourite ceremony they had heard/the most personal/the most touching or all of the above. It was also really lovely that you were able to chat to people afterwards, as I know there were a lot of people curious about humanism.

Pete and I were equally delighted with the humanist ceremony and even though we had read the draft, were able to listen as if hearing it for the first time. The way you told our stories was very touching and people were very surprised to hear that we hadn't actually known you all of our lives, because they thought it reflected us so well.

You also managed to make us two shy people relish (almost!) the experience of standing in front of everyone we know – no mean feat indeed!

Thank you so much again - we will miss your bubbly emails - do drop us a line if you are ever around and want to say hi.

All the best with your continued work and we wish you many more heartfelt ceremonies to come!

Hannah and Pete X'

# Naming - Robson - 7th July 2017 - Bradley Wood Scout Camp, Huddersfield

'Neither of us can put into words just how incredible our little boy's naming ceremony was.

The whole process from first contacting Hannah was met with such warmth. The evening absolutely summed us up as a family. We could not have asked for a single thing more. We've had a lot of friends and family come up to us and say how brilliant the naming ceremony was and how is really did sum us up perfectly.

I would not hesitate to recommend Hannah to anyone who is wanting to break away from traditional or religious ceremonies. Hannah really takes everything you want and makes it perfect!

Thanks agaín, Líz, Steve and Robson'

'Thank you so much for last night.

The number of people who've said it was very personal and completely us is immense! We thoroughly enjoyed it as the whole thing summed us up. Thank you again for everything! You made Robson's day amazing and complete. Lizxx'

# Wedding - Claire + Tom - 30th June 2017 - Great John St Hotel, Manchester

'When we booked our wedding we assumed we would have a standard Registrar's service.

However, when we looked at the options of wording available we realised that we wanted a much more meaningful and personal way of making our commitment to each other. One of my best friends had had a humanist service several years ago and it was she who suggested we look into it as an option.

After doing some research we thought that it sounded interesting but didn't know if it was something which was for us. We found Hannah through a Google search and I had a call with her. She soon dispelled any concerns we had that this was some sort of 'hippy' option and explained the detailed and personal nature of the service to us.

Over the coming months Hannah set up regular 'homework' in the form of questions and answers went between us via email. After a huge amount of work on her behalf she sent us

through our draft ceremony and we both had a tear in our eye (my husband is an ex-boxer so crying isn't something he is given to!) as we were so overwhelmed by how perfect for us it was and how full of meaning.

Hannah managed the whole event so beautifully and ensured that everyone had rehearsed and knew exactly what they were meant to be doing and when. On the day we all felt relaxed and knew we were in good hands. The humanist ceremony was fantastic with readings from our children and friends, a tying the knot ceremony, lots of stories about our first meeting and our relationship and what had brought us to our wedding day and lots of emotion and laughs.

After the ceremony, our guests told us how blown away they had been by the whole experience. Most of them had never even heard of a humanist ceremony (as we hadn't before my friend had mentioned it to us) and all thought it was a wonderful way of making our commitment. Our friends who got married & months before us said they wished they had know about it as they thought it far outshone the Registrar service they had had! Several guests told us it was the most loving and joyful wedding they had been to.

We are so happy that we found Hannah and that we made the choice to have this ceremony. Her ability to marry professionalism and warmth are what made it such a perfect choice for us. It was so individual to us and was far better than we ever hoped for.

We miss her emails and just wish we could do it all again!' Claire and Tom

'Everyone was so full of admiration for the beautiful humanist service and several of the male guests admitted to shedding a tear.

we have been talking and agree that it was all so much more beautiful and personal than we ever imagined.

Thank you so much for all your care, dedication, professionalism and warmth. Claire Xxxx' *Message after ceremony* 

'Hannah, THIS IS AMAZING. Just so beautíful – so, so, much more than I had hoped. I have no clue at all how I'm going to manage on the day. Thank you so much – it will be the most fantastic wedding! Claire + Tom' *Message sent on receiving first draft*.

# Wedding - Becca + Jon - 24th June 2017 - at home, Manchester

'It's difficult to know what to say!

After all my stressing, our wedding ceremony couldn't have been more perfect or special.

Both sets of parents haven't been able to stop raving about it, and lots of people have said it was one of the happiest weddings they attended - even people who weren't present at the ceremony (the speeches were real tear-jerkers as well!).

Thank you so much for all your hard work, patience, and hand holding through the process.

we both feel so privileged that we had a wedding which was so joyful and perfect for us.

Thank you agaín, Becca EJon'

# Wedding - Claire + Niall - 10th June 2017 - 'Craigmar', North Yorkshire

'We wouldn't hesitate in recommending Hannah if you are looking for a non religious but personal, heartfelt, light hearted yet moving ceremony.

Ríght from the start and the initial phone call she made us feel at ease and she was organised and professional throughout – helping us quickly with anything we needed, including a practice run, and pointing us in the right direction.

Hannah asks you a series of questions about each other and your relationship. Then from your own words, crafts a wonderful emotional journey through your relationship to the present day, and beyond, knitting in humour, key milestones, random facts and anything else you throw her way.

We cannot begin to say how pleased we were with the end result – it was absolutely perfect. Hannah delivered the humanist ceremony with the right amount of gravitas, but with warmth and humour. She involved key people in the room both before and during the ceremony so it really felt like a team effort. There was laughter, tears, smiles and joy all round.

Our friends and family were bowled over with the ceremony – they felt it was so "us" and captured us as a couple perfectly. One relation even said that she would do the same if she had her time again.

Thank you Hannah. Claíre and Níall X'

'Thanks so much for this and also the ceremony – it really was amazing and so many people have commented on how much they enjoyed it. Everyone thought it captured the essence of us as a couple and it had everything – laughter, tears and joy! We both thought it was the best way possible for us to celebrate our marriage and it set up what was a fantastic day with everyone. Thank you! And also for your trip over to do the rehearsal on the Friday. Claire and Niall X'

'Thank you so much as well for creating the ceremony. It was lovely. It had it all - even the participation the police! Our family and friends loved it as did we, even through the tears! The party in Kettlewell was also fabulous. Looking back I can't say I would have changed anything about the day. It was perfect and so much better than we could of imagined. We're looking forward to unwinding for a few days to take it all in. Best wishes, Niall'

#### Wedding - Jen + Jon - 3rd June 2017 - Craven Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'Choosing a wedding Celebrant seemed like an impossible task – we both knew deep down that we really wouldn't know if we'd made the right choice until the wedding was over. Yes, we had some cheaper quotes, but after a long and lovely chat with Hannah over the phone we decided to trust our instincts, and booked her for our wedding.

#### BEST. DECISION. EVER!

Our humanist ceremony was personal, emotional and warm, and crucially for us, it included everything we wanted it to, and nothing we didn't. We were both surprised at how much we enjoyed the 'tasks' that Hannah set us along the way in creating the ceremony – they gave us a break from manic party planning and an opportunity to reflect on each other and all the reasons that we were getting married for.

Her dedication was so obvious throughout the whole process; she was always there with a friendly text or email response to the tiniest questions, and amazing at teasing out details and information that wasn't always immediately obvious to us as being important!

Hannah's advice to treat the separate legal ceremony as the same chance to step back, reflect and relax together was spot on – our 'legalities' the week before the wedding took around 15 minutes witnessed by a couple of good friends, who we celebrated over pizza and wine with afterwards. It was the perfect way to get ready for what we both saw as the 'main event' the following Saturday.

On the day, we couldn't have asked for a more calming presence than Hannah's to make us both feel at ease, and guide everyone and everything into place without fuss.

Lots of our family and friends (including the usually unimpressed, super-cool, and picky types) said that they were surprised at how much they enjoyed that part of our day. We're lucky enough to be close friends with an amazing (and extremely critical) professional cellist, who played during our ceremony. He quite literally goes to hundreds of weddings every year, so when he told us that our humanist ceremony, and Hannah as the Celebrant, were the best he's ever seen, we knew we'd nailed it!

Thank you Hannah, for playing such a big part in making our wedding day the warm, fun, relaxed celebration of 'us' that it was.' Jen and Jon

'We're on Cloud 9! Yesterday was the best EVER. Thank you so much for everything. The ceremony was just perfection - we were both completely blown away. Everyone needs you at their wedding! We don't have enough words to thank you enough. Jen + Jon xxx' *Text following ceremony*.

'We just wanted to say thank you for the ceremony on Saturday. It was truly wonderful. It was a fantastic day and now we all feel very flat!! Kind regards, Debbie and Howard' *Message from Jen's mum* 

# Wedding - Laura + Ben - 2nd June 2017 - Victoria Baths, Manchester

"I just wanted to say a huge, huge thank you.

We had the best day and the ceremony was perfect.

we had so many people commenting on how lovely and personal the ceremony was and how well it was delivered by yourself.

Thanks agaín. Best wíshes, Laura'

#### Naming - Walter + Arthur - 14th May 2017 - Clough Manor Hotel, Saddleworth \*

'Thank you so much for your lovely email.

It means the world to us that you think it went well and turned out just as we had planned it. I didn't feel able to look up for most of the ceremony because I couldn't bear to look anyone in the eye through fear of contagious crying, so I'm glad you felt that it went down as we hoped in the room.

And thank you sooo much for all your hard work before and during yesterday. We had so many comments about how wonderful you were and well, we of course thought so too.

Thank you once again and maybe one day our paths will cross again.

All our love - Phil, Sarah, Walter & Arthur.'

#### Wedding - Becky + Ric - 17th April 2017 - Sandhole Oak Barn, Cheshire

'Ric and I can't thank you enough for enabling us to create our perfect wedding day.

Choosing to have a humanist ceremony was absolutely the right decision: it allowed us to personalise our ceremony entirely and ensure everything included was truly meaningful to and right for us. For us, the humanist ceremony was the centre point of the day: the main event, the most important and symbolic – our true wedding ceremony. So being able to make it our own was crucial.

You gathered all the right information and put so much effort in to crafting a beautiful ceremony, allowing us freedom to input and adapt as well, which was perfect. It flowed and built momentum, tastefully and with all the gravitas a wedding ceremony should.

We were able to include people close to us as well. It really was the epitome of bespoke and consequently meant all the more. We will treasure the words of our wedding forever, knowing they were just for us and true to us. The vows we made to each other in our humanist ceremony were unquestionably our wedding vows.

I had concerns about having both ceremonies on the day, but the humanist ceremony was so clearly the important, focal, conclusive ceremony that actually it wasn't a problem at all. I have no doubt our guests saw the humanist as the real wedding: so many people have commented on how it was the best wedding they've been to, even after 40 years of wedding attendances. Another guest said she wished she'd known humanist ceremonies were an option.

Not only are we delighted we decided to go with the humanist ceremony, but also that we chose you as our Humanist Celebrant.

You guided us beautifully, not only in writing the ceremony, but in putting together wonderful vows and listening to our opinions. I was especially impressed with the amount of thought and consideration you gave to our ceremony, and planning the flow of time around the ceremony as well. You counselled us about the day, helped us in our times of concern of how others might see things, and gave great and wise insight in to the process, which I was especially grateful for.

I am so, so impressed and happy we chose you. It was just wonderful and wouldn't have been had the ceremony not been so perfect.

I think the work you put in around the ceremony goes in to making the whole day better too: relaxed, happy couples who understand and know what they're doing, why, and have been able to craft their own wedding (with your expert help) are always going to have a more positive, meaningful experience. And on the day you were relaxed, confident, helpful, flexible, funny, the utmost professional. Just brilliant. Even my Mum - a big sceptic - was happy. And that probably says it all.

Thank you so much, we couldn't have asked for more from you. It was a dream. So, so, so very worth it. You should charge more!!

Our fondest wishes, Becky and Ric'

#### Wedding - Lou + Dave - 8th April 2017 - Beechenhill Farm, Ilam

'Thank you so much for putting together such a beautiful and unique humanist ceremony.

From Day One we knew we were in safe hands. We spoke to a few different Celebrants but were so impressed with Hannah's professionalism and enthusiasm that we knew she was the one for us. We were not disappointed! From start to finish Hannah was fantastic – from her impressive organisation, to her expert guidance, to her pep talks, reassurance and calm approach, we could not have asked for more.

We have had so many compliments on the ceremony from friends and family, many of whom had never been to a humanist ceremony before, and some of whom have said they would choose a humanist ceremony for themselves because of it! We cannot thank you enough Hannah!

Best wishes, Lou and Dave'

'We couldn't be happier with how the ceremony went so massive thanks from the bottom of our hearts!' *Message sent after ceremony* 

'Thís ís absolutely brilliant!!! Thank you so much. It's amazing how seamlessly you have woven together our words and integrated them into the general flow of the ceremony.' *Message sent on receiving first draft*.

#### Naming - Phoebe - 25th March 2017 - at home, Wakefield\*

'When we first decided we wanted to hold a ceremony in honour of our daughter Phoebe, we weren't quite sure what our options were, with neither of us being religious.

We both knew that a christening or baptism was not something we wanted, however an alternative formal ceremony. It was after a bit of Googling that we discovered 'yourthreedays.com' and instantly liked the idea of a humanist naming ceremony. It wasn't something we had heard of before.

We made the initial contact to Hannah and it's fair to day we were a bit apprehensive at first. Upon receiving Hannah's first email response we were immediately reassured that we were in the right hands. From then on, all communication from Hannah was both professional and personable – we were made to feel at ease about the whole process. When the draft of the script came though, we couldn't believe how perfectly Hannah had put everything together and it made us even more excited for the day.

The day of the naming ceremony arrived and Hannah was so calm, an excellent organiser and very professional. The ceremony exceeded both mine and Danny's expectations and those of all our guests as well. Our friends and family all said what a fantastic time they had, very refreshing from the traditional "christening" type ceremony.

We thank you so much, Hannah, for making the day so lovely and memorable for us all. And we look forward to working with you for our future ceremonies. Best wishes, Kim, Danny & Phoebe'

'It was such a lovely naming ceremony you performed and I know everyone enjoyed the day. Thank you also. I appreciate you helping so that I could make the promises that I wanted to Phoebe. Best wishes for the future, Abbie xxx' (guide-parent)

# Naming - Emilia - 22nd January 2017 - 'The Rope and Anchor', Altrincham

'Thank you so much for today!!!

As you know, by now, I struggle with getting my thoughts down on paper/ my computer screen, but I really can't express how grateful we both are to you.

Emílía's naming ceremony was absolutely perfect...and that's Carla perfect!! Thank you for organising everything and making the day run so smoothly. The ceremony was beautiful and surpassed our expectations.

We had so many positive comments about how personal it was, so I think the words you wrote and said really did matter in the end! Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into preparing them. It is certainly a day that we will never forget.

Thank you for everything and you never know...we may see you again if there is ever a second pitter patter of tiny feet!!

Much love, Carla, James and Emílía XXX'
#### Wedding - Liz + Steve - 9th December 2016 - Victoria Warehouse, Manchester

"Where on earth do I begin? There are not enough superlatives to describe how we feel both about the ceremony you gave us and yourself as a person.

The humanist ceremony was everything we had dreamed of and to say that is quite something. The whole process was wonderful and we looked forward to our 'homework' every time, we saved it to do on a nice evening with a glass of wine and became an incredibly enjoyable part of the run up.

I was bowled over by the compliments I received about the ceremony and yourself. I personally was not surprised but to some people I feel it was a revelation to see that a humanist wedding can be so personal and also humorous. Many people who I knew less well said they really felt like they knew Steve and I and how we are as a couple as a result, which is lovely.

In addition your support to Steve and I has been invaluable, from your words of wisdom to bringing me warm bread rolls in my time of need (!) you are an absolute delight and we were honoured to have you conduct our ceremony.

I could go on and on and on and on and on but I won't. Except to say that you are a marvellous person and did the most sensational job and for that we will be forever grateful. I do hope we cross paths in the future.

Hannah, it has been our absolute pleasure. Liz and Steve XX'

'Thank you for the most wonderful ceremony you conducted for Líz & Steve on Fríday. It was in turn funny and very moving. It was altogether a fabulous day, thanks in no small part to your contribution. Love and best wishes, Jules X' (Mother of the Bride)

#### Wedding – Jess + Stu – 8th October 2016 – Victoria Warehouse, Manchester

'Thank you so much for all your help on our day.

It was totally unique and we had so many compliments from pretty much every single guest.

I wouldn't have changed a thing.

If you ever need any testimonials just let me know.

We'd be thrílled to help out. Thanks agaín, Jess and Stu

#### Wedding - Jess + James - 1st October 2016 - Wold Top Brewery, Yorkshire Wolds

'Thank you so very much for everything!

It really was the perfect ceremony for us – personal, sincere and beautifully delivered. It meant so much to hear it all come together with our family and friends as witnesses. To reiterate what we said on Saturday too, it has been a real pleasure to take this journey with you from the very start and you've helped make us really think about who we are and what is important to us.'

Jess and James

'We just wanted to write to you and tell you again how much we loved the humanist ceremony you wrote and delivered for us. We had so many positive comments about how personal it was, how honest and how beautifully it came across. Apparently it had everyone in tears!

We have (as you might expect) discussed the wedding LOTS while we've been away and continue to come back to the fact that we are so glad we found you and made the decision to prioritise the ceremony part of the day. It set the tone for a wonderful day to follow (not to mention setting the tone for the way we want to live our lives together).

Thank you so much for all your time, wisdom, sense and direction throughout the process. Jess and James X'

'We just wanted to send a note to say thank you so much again for being our Celebrant. The ceremony you wrote for us meant so much to us and time and again guests have told us since then how beautifully you led it! Love, Jess and James xx' *Note in card* 

# Wedding - Emily + Simon - 24th September 2016 - Northorpe Hall, West Yorkshire

'We had a truly wonderful wedding and reading the script again takes us back to standing there in the barn feeling the love from all our friends and family. It's taken us a while to process everything that happened over the course of the day and it wasn't till we got the photos back that we could get a sense of what was going on around us. It's also been nice to get lots of lovely feedback – and so many people have said what a special ceremony it was – thanks to you! Best wishes,

Emíly & Símon X'

'We just wanted to say how thrilled we were to have you as our Celebrant. Right from the first conversation, you instilled complete confidence in us that you would make our wedding one that was personal and of great meaning.

It's not easy to open up to a stranger about our relationship, but your warmth and caring nature put us at ease. In fact, the journey that you took us on in preparing for the big day really helped to strengthen our bond as a couple and affirm the reasons why we were getting married.

Your reassurance and support, particularly in the week leading up to the wedding when we were getting rather frazzled was just invaluable – you really were the guiding light in getting us 'home'.

So many people have commented on how special the ceremony was and how personal it was to us. Thank you for crafting that and delivering it with the utmost professionalism and warmth. We'll enjoy reading it in years to come.

We hope our paths cross again Hannah.

With love and heartfelt thanks, Επίly ξ Símon' *Thank you card* 

## Naming - Freddie - 18th September 2016 - Woodland Discovery Centre, Sheffield \*

'From the first email we received, we knew you were who we were looking for to help us celebrate Freddie! And how right we were!

You were a dream to work with; highly organised, intuitive and patient. When we first read the script, we were amazed at how you managed to craft what we had told you into a witty, loving and 'perfectly us' narrative.

On the day your calm and warmth instantly helped us relax and enjoy the day. The delivery of the naming ceremony was perfect and you were unflappable, despite the crowded, hot room and the pacing, football playing baby! The balance of the script was 'just right', with some tears, and much laughter. Most importantly, we felt like Freddie's character really came through.

A month on, and friends and family are still talking about the day, particularly the humanist ceremony. Many, I think, will think differently about planning their own ceremonies in the future.

Hannah, I hope that our paths will cross again one day.

Thank you again! Sarah, Alex and Freddie x' 'Hannah, Thank you so, so much. You are incredible! Lots of love, Sarah, Alex, Freddie' *Note with wine* 

'Wow! We absolutely loved the first draft - thank you so much! It's really interesting to see how the careful selection and ordering of ideas can have such a big impact - you are a very talented lady! It's pretty much perfect :-) Thanks again. All the best, Sarah and Alex' *On reading first draft*.

## Wedding - Jo + Sam - 17th September 2016 - Bolton Castle, Wensleydale

'We can't thank you enough. Thank you for sorting us all out and managing the ceremony; thank you for such a warm, funny and intimate ceremony; thank you for all your reassurance and care with us all. Sam'

'Thank you SO much for everything. You're brilliant – the humanist ceremony was everything we could have wished for.

So many people told us it was the best wedding ceremony they had ever been a part of. So much laughter and joy, and the odd tear! The perfect mix of love, sincerity and humour.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. We're so grateful to you for marrying us! And for kick starting the day and setting the tone for the rest of the celebrations. It was magical.

Lots of love, Jo and Sam xxx'

# Wedding - Lauren + Ryan - 3rd September 2016 - Stydd Gardens, Ribble Valley

'H. Best day of my life. No contest. Thank you SO much. Ryan xxxxx' *Text from groom* at evening Reception

#### Naming - Seth - 29th August 2016 - 'The White Hart', Lydgate

'Hannah and I have spent all week talking about what a lovely day we had. All of our guests have commented on how warm and personable the naming ceremony was – and that was all down to you! Everyone said how much they enjoyed your delivery and the occasion itself. We can't thank you enough! Adam ξ Hannah XX'

#### Wedding - Rebecca + Arjang - 28th August 2016 - at home in Manchester

'We both loved the ceremony and we had so many people come up to us who felt the same and that wouldn't have been the case without all your efforts. I'll be recommending you to all our friends! Thank you again! Regards, Arj and Rebecca

#### Wedding - Susan + Sam - 21st August 2016 - Downing College, Cambridge

'My wife Valerie, and I as Susan's father, were extremely impressed (over the moon) at the way the whole event was planned and carried out. The well researched and moving way that you conducted the wedding vows ceremony was "right on the button", making the day a wonderful occasion and a memory for us to treasure forever. We are sure that Sam and Susan could not have wished for a more splendid celebration of their wedding. Very many thanks to yourself and everyone concerned. Frank and Valerie

#### Wedding - Emma + Dan - 11th August 2016 - York Cycle Stop

'Sorry it's taken us such a long time to write and say THANK YOU so much for giving us the perfect wedding ceremony. From the first moment that we spoke on the phone I felt that we had really clicked with you, conversation was easy and you allowed our ideas to develop naturally.

We thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience; the memories it brought back, the laughter and the tears as we thought about what we wanted to say. On the day, you went out of your way to make sure that everyone was taken care of – even though you were injured! The ceremony itself was exactly what we had hoped for, full of laughter and love - when the photos came back it was clear that the feeling was shared by all our guests.

we have had so many cards and messages since from people who absolutely loved the day - how personal it was, how 'us' it was and that is in no small part down to you.

It is a day that we will never forget. Thank you so much, Emma and Dan'

#### Naming - Stanley - 7th August 2016 - Kirkburton Cricket Club, Huddersfield \*

'You were absolutely fantastic Hannah and had so much feedback on how good the naming service was. Thanks for all your help throughout this. Rachel & Andrew X'

#### Wedding - Jocelyn + John - 6th August 2016 - deep in the Peak District \*

'I've been meaning to email you for ages to say thank you (although that doesn't quite seem like enough) for everything you did! The wedding seems like a distant memory now, but still a really happy and special one. We've had so many comments and compliments on the wedding and I firmly believe that people are being completely genuine when they say that it was the most beautiful and moving ceremony that they have ever been to.

I hope this doesn't sound like a platitude but our day and in particular the humanist ceremony was everything we hoped it would be and so much more. And you played such a big part in that so I just want to say from all of us THANK YOU!! John, Jocelyn, Angus & Joni XXXXXXX'

'Thanks Hannah. It was absolutely the perfect day, we are just getting a few taster photos through and it's like seeing the wedding through someone else's eyes. So many lovely comments as we step into this new chapter of our lives as a family. Thank you for all you have done that helped make it perfect.' John

'I díd want to say a bíg "thank you" (agaín!) to you for making the occasion so memorable and special.

As you díd with Laura and Paul last year, you absolutely captured the essence of their relationship in the humanist ceremony, composing something that was very personal to them.

We were also very appreciative of the naming part of the ceremony for Angus and Joni – it was really perfect. As we did last year, we had lots of compliments about what a lovely ceremony it was, which was all down to you.

It was very nice to see you again and we're pleased that all is going well for you.

We were very delighted and proud that both our girls chose you to help them celebrate their marriages – and you can clearly guarantee the weather as it was absolutely beautiful for Laura and Paul last year and then again for Jossy and John this year! Perhaps you could make this a selling point!

Our very best wishes to you and all our thanks. Regards, Chris and John' (very proud parents twice over!)

# Wedding - Diane + Francesca - 1st August 2016 - The Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'For us the day could not have been better.

So many people remarked on the humanist ceremony and how "us" it was, and that is all thanks to you and the script you put together. It was truly an emotional day and everyone said how touched they were by it. Francesca's sister remarked that it was lovely to hear about our relationship in our words not just some predetermined phrases.

Thank you so much for adapting the script at the last minute to include the FaceTime feed – my parents felt like they were really there and are incredibly grateful.

With warmest regards, Diane and Francesca'

'Thank you so much for including us in the ceremony for Diane and Francesca. Even though we could not be present we still felt a part of it.

We both thought it was a beautiful ceremony and very moving. It summed them up very well and was very personal. The script is beautiful and we would like to thank you for sending it to us so promptly.

We are very happy they picked you for their Celebrant.

Kind regards, Jim and Cath' (proud parents/parents in law)

# Wedding - Leigh + Tom - 23rd July 2016 - on a farm, North Yorkshire

'Wow – what can we say!

The humanist ceremony was absolutely beautiful. So many guests have commented on how it was the most personal ceremony they have ever been to and how much it reflected mine and Tom's relationship and love for one another.

You have been a star from start to finish – putting up with our last minute changes and being so patient and professional with us both.

The ceremony meant so much to us and to our families and friends. Thank you. All our love, Leigh and Tom xxx'

# Wedding - Claire + Shawn - 17th July 2016 - Waterton Park Hotel, Wakefield

'Thank you so much for everything on Sunday! The ceremony went even better than we could have hoped for! We loved it, and so did everybody there. The whole day was fantastic – we got so lucky with the weather. Speak soon! Shawn and Claire'

## Wedding - Lizzie + Paul - 1st July 2016 - Walled Garden at Beeston Fields

'Thanks so much for the fancy script! It was lovely to have a read through and remember the little things that we have (already, would you believe it!) forgotten.

I honestly don't know where these last couple of months have gone. So - my apologies, and it is absolutely no reflection of how much we loved the ceremony.

It was just what we wanted, and the whole day was fabulous. We ended the night doing a conga with the Gft inflatable t-rex at the helm.

All good wishes, as ever, Lízzie'

#### wedding - Jemma + Mark - 11th June 2016 - The Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield \*

'We had an absolutely brilliant time yesterday and we received so many compliments and interested questions about the ceremony so thank you for doing such a wonderful job both on the day and in constructing the story.

Everything went perfectly so we couldn't be happier with the day and it's lovely to hear you say that the day lived up to your expectations. Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time so that made it even more special for us.

We just wanted to respond to your email quickly to share our gratitude for the amazing job you did and for being so supportive and helpful throughout the whole process.

We loved ít all. Jem & Mark X'

'Having experienced the great job Hannah had done at my sister's wedding, it was an obvious choice to ask her to preside over my own wedding a few years later.

My husband and I enjoyed working with Hannah to create our own, bespoke wedding service. It was fun to answer her questions and take some time to think about how we felt and capture that in words. Throughout the process of creating the 'script' Hannah was very supportive and encouraging, giving tips and examples whenever necessary so we were never left alone staring at a blank page!

On the wedding day Hannah delivered a wonderful performance that all of our guests commented on, gushing over how interesting, personalised and enjoyable it had been. Many guests wanted to know all about her work too, so she graciously told them about it, which was a nice touch. She was a calm, professional presence on the day that helped to ensure the smooth running of the ceremony and made everybody's life easier knowing that she had control.

Overall we would highly recommend Hannah as a humanist Celebrant to anybody who wishes to have a tailor-made wedding ceremony that you'll love on the day and remember forever.'

Jemma and Mark

## Wedding - Amanda + Cass - 10th June 2016 - The Belle Epoque, Knutsford

'Thank you so much for playing a huge part in making our day so memorable.

To an absolute person, we have received glowing feedback on both you and the ceremony, which people feel was a real and genuine celebration of our relationship. On a personal level, it was an absolute pleasure working with you – you made it so easy and enjoyable.

So a huge thank from us. We'll always remember you and the day.

Kínd regards,

Amanda, Cass, Harry and Alfie'

'Thank you so much for sending this through.

We absolutely LOVE it! It's beautiful, engaging, funny, and a perfect reflection of our relationship and our story.

Thank you, thank you, for writing such a beautiful piece for us.

we also really love the vows, and I think they are spot on and exactly what we'd like to say.

THANK YOU! Amanda X' Email on reading first draft.

#### Wedding - Heather + Gerred - 4th June 2016 - at home, Chesterfield

'We're just back from our honeymoon today and it was brilliant, as was the day itself, in no small part thanks to you!

Your ceremony meant so much to us, it really did.

We're so glad you got to stay and talk to our family and friends too - they loved chatting to you.

Thank you again,

Heather and Gerred X'

# Wedding - Anthony + Jon - 29th May 2016 - Great John St Hotel, Manchester

'Thanks for your email and kind words. We had an awesome rest of day.

I really think the day couldn't have gone better for us and the humanist ceremony was an essential part of that. We received so many lovely comments about it.

I thínk we are both going to miss our regular email chats and assignments from you! Sending best wishes, AJ XX'

'We are celebrating our anniversary today gjust remembering what a great day we had g how much you were a part of that!! Best wishes, Anthony gJon x' *Email on first anniversary* 

# Wedding - Fran + Chris - 28th May 2016 - a field, Derbyshire

'Thank you so much for creating and delivering such a beautiful ceremony for us.

We both thought it was perfect for us as a couple and exactly how we wanted it. Everyone that came commented on how lovely and personal it was.

Thank you again for making our wedding day the best it could be. Best wishes, Fran ξ Chris'

# Naming - Amelia - 16th April 2016 - 'Pointing Dog', Cheadle Hulme \*

'I know I said it on Saturday but I just wanted to drop you an email today to say thanks again for such a wonderful naming ceremony. It was perfectly fitting for our family and everyone has commented on how beautiful and personal it was.

As you know it was important to me that the ceremony should be so personal and that we were afforded the opportunity to tell our story, in our way and enjoy every moment of it – your ceremony enabled us to do exactly that. Your delivery was perfect – even when upstaged by Amelia – the right amount of sentiment and sincerity with a touch of humour.

It obviously goes without saying that I will be recommending you to everyone.' Debbie and Mike

# Wedding - Emma + Ted - 30th March 2016 - at home, Nottinghamshire

'First and foremost I would like to thank you so much for all your input into the pre wedding preparations that resulted in a seamless ceremony on the day.

Next I would like to thank you for presiding over the humanist ceremony and involving us all in the proceedings in such a special and intimate way. The words you spoke captured the essence of the two people who were committing themselves to a future together. I couldn't fault you on a single point!!

Their vows were amazing and so personal, they had obviously thought very carefully about what they wished to say to each other.

Many people have made the comment that it was the most emotional ceremony that they have ever been to, they completely understand why Emma and Ted chose to have a humanist ceremony and that they felt involved in a way that would never have been possible in church.

Fínally, I would líke to say a massíve thank you. Words are never really enough but let me assure you that you made what was always going to be an extremely wonderful day even better.

Many thanks, best wishes, Caro' (another very proud parent)

# Wedding - Sarah + Dan - 9th April 2016 - The Didsbury Parsonage, Manchester

'As you now know neither of us could be accused of being overly organised or particularly prompt – qualities which are pretty key when planning a wedding. However, with your help and guidance we are happy to say that our wedding day was an absolutely amazing success and ran so smoothly.

From your regular and kind messages helping us organise the ceremony to your indispensable help on the day managing people and ensuring things ran smoothly all the way through to the heartfelt ceremony you performed which left us caught somewhere between laughing and crying (we honestly didn't stop smiling all evening!) you were absolutely indispensable.

So many of our friends and family commented on how sincere and professional your ceremony was and many more now have a much better understanding of why we chose a Humanist ceremony. We could not recommend you highly enough to any couple planning for their big day.

Thanks you so much for making our day so special! Sarah and Dan'

'I just wanted to say a huge thank you for making Dan and Sarah's wedding so special. It was very meaningful and just 'them'. I especially loved the symbolism of the ribbon tying.

With many thanks again and sending you love and best wishes, Jo' (Mother of the Groom)

# Wedding - Vicky + Matt - 26th March 2016 - 'Crow Hill', Marsden

'Hannah, Thank you so much for everything and all your help – it was an incredible day. Matt § Vicky'

'Well, it's been a heck of a day, we are all exhausted, both physically and emotionally, but I'd like to put on record, from Judy and myself, our grateful thanks for the, not inconsiderate, part you played in making today the resounding success it was.

It was a pleasure to meet you and be guided, in your safe hands, through the most important thing that Vicks and Matt have done in the (comparatively) short time they have been together.

Thank you so much for your help. Kind regards, Judy and Phil' (parents of the bride)

#### Naming - Zara - 20th February 2016 - Alderley Edge Hotel, Cheshire

'We asked Hannah to lead the naming ceremony for our third child Zara. As this was the third naming ceremony (and possibly the last!), we wanted it to be an extra special day for all our family and friends.

Hannah came very highly recommended, and the promise of having someone who makes ceremonies personalised and enjoyable was a vast understatement. We couldn't be happier with how Hannah not only controlled the whole event with total confidence and calm assurance to all those taking part, but she had spent a great deal of time speaking to all those involved to ensure it was a very personal and emotional event for everyone who attended.

We can't recommend Hannah enough, and if we did ever decide to have a 4th (!), there would be no alternative to Hannah doing it for us again.

Thanks you from all of us, Neil, Sarah, Dylan, Oliver and Zara'

'Thank you so much. We all had a wonderful time and everybody commented on how beautiful the ceremony was – all down to you. It was amazing. We can't thank you enough. Sarah + Neil XX'

## Naming - Lachlan - Saturday 30th January 2016 - Crompton & Royton Golf Club \*

'We just wanted to say a massive thank you for Saturday.

You just seemed to have everything in hand, even down to printing off copies of people's readings and our promises, something that I hadn't even thought of.

The naming ceremony couldn't have gone any better, it was heartfelt, sincere and there were a few tears. One of my close friends said how she was welling up and she thought it was due to your deliverance. You have a lovely way with people and everyone was saying

at the end what a lovely ceremony it was and how lovely you were and that you took time to go and have a chat with everybody.

So thank you for being so nice, welcoming, making sure everything ran smoothly and for giving us yet another truly memorable day.

Take care, Kay, Shaun, Fínlay and Lachlan'

#### <u>2015</u>

## Naming - Olivia - 31st December 2015 - at home, Halifax

'We really couldn't have wished for any more from today. We thoroughly enjoyed it and so have all our guests. Thank you again! Tess, Steven and Olivia'

## Wedding - Kate + John – 30th December 2015 – Adlington Hall, Cheshire

'Thank you so much for making our day so special. It's amazing how all these things come together and we feel so lucky you conducted this beautiful ceremony for us, thank you so much Hannah. Kate'

'It was beautiful and we received so many comments about how lovely the service was, it really did unfold so well.

Thank you so much for helping make the day as special as it was. Your hard work and patience really paid off for us. Thank you so much. John'

# Wedding - Ruth + Andy - 29th December 2015 - Halle St Peter's, Manchester (deconsecrated)

'We would like to sincerely thank Hannah for all the help and advice she gave to us before, during, and after our wedding.

We were both keen on having a Humanist ceremony and found Hannah's details through the Humanist Society's website. We thought we were getting a Celebrant – turns out we were getting an editor, advisor, and box mover as well.

Hannah was very clear about the various options involved in a Humanist ceremony and helped us to create a celebration that was completely personal to us. She was honest with us when she thought ideas we had were not going to work, but supported our decisions and helped us to bring our ideas to life. She was full of suggestions and alternatives if a particular plan wasn't working. For example, some of our readers were struggling to find something appropriate and she gave them lots of suggestions that they found really helpful.

We met with Hannah before the wedding where she took us through what was going to happen. We were both a bit sceptical about how necessary this was but on the day it really made a difference. Knowing what was going to happen and being familiar with the process meant we were both able to enjoy ourselves more rather than thinking about what was supposed to be happening next.

Hannah also inadvertently ended up helping us unloading cars and dropping off things that day – absolutely going above and beyond what we expected from her, but it was very much appreciated!

On the day, it was fantastic to have Hannah there. She organised all of our ushers and made sure everyone knew what they were doing. She took all the pressure off us so we could just enjoy ourselves. She talked to (and remembered!) our friends and family. She helped direct staff and helpers if they weren't sure what was going on. If we could have kept her to organise the reception we definitely would!

So many people have commented on how much effort Hannah made with them during and after the ceremony, how the day felt very personal and emotional, and how much fun it was. In fact, a few of our friends who, before Tuesday, were rather 'anti-marriage' have since said they've been rethinking their position. They said they'd never been to a wedding like it before, which is really saying something as one of them is in Andy's band so has probably been to more weddings than most people we know.

We were delighted with how the ceremony went. The ceremony felt really special and we couldn't have done that on our own. Thanks for putting us at ease during the morning, for letting us feel in control of what was going on, and for making everything run so smoothly.'

Ruth and Andy

# Wedding - Dionne + Damien - 10th October 2015 - The Met Hotel, Leeds

'Thank you Hannah for everything you have done to make our day truly special. We couldn't be more happy with the decision to have you part of our wedding and we will remember your words forever.

Literally everyone I spoke to commented how beautiful and personal the humanist ceremony was. I couldn't agree more!!!

Many, many thanks, Díonne and Damíen x'

#### Wedding - Anna + Ben - 3rd October 2015 - Vertigrow Nurseries, York

We just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU for conducting our humanist wedding ceremony.

From the very beginning your enthusiasm and passion was so exciting and inspiring. The ceremony you wrote and the way you delivered it was PERFECT and EVERYONE was talking about it/you for days! It was everything we hoped for and more!

All the best,

Anna and Ben xxx'

## Wedding - Lucy + Greg - 19th September 2015 - 'Eden' at Broughton Hall, Skipton

'Thanks for everything you did to make our wedding so special.

Everyone commented on how personal and moving the humanist ceremony was – it was everything we had hoped it would be.

Thanks also for keeping us both so calm and making sure we had a truly magical time. Lucy and Greg XX'

## Wedding - Ian + Chim - 5th September 2015 - Swinton Bivouac, Masham

'What can I say?

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making the day fabulous and special. My favourite part of the whole day was the ceremony. Ian says the same.

We really loved what you did and will never forget how perfect you were. THANK YOU!!!

All the very best, Ian and Chím XXX' *Thank you card* 

'Hannah!!!

Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. You really made our day truly special.

It was an absolutely beautiful humanist ceremony – we couldn't have asked for more. Everyone commented on how lovely it was. It's the one thing we keep remembering of the whole day. Everyone was in tears, but happy ones.

I could fill this whole email with just saying thank you... You really are Yorkshire's best Celebrant!

All our very best, Ian and Chím XX'

## Wedding - Laura + Paul - 29th August 2015 - Arts Centre, Leek \*

'Thank you for your thank you. And more importantly a huge thank you for the day itself and everything you have done for us.

We were so happy with the day and have had so much positive feedback and lovely comments about your ceremony – it has been overwhelming. Thank you also for taking the time and effort to stay and talk to people after the ceremony as quite a few people mentioned how much they appreciated this.

As to the script – wow, I don't know where to start....It was truly perfect. It went down better than we imagined. To have something that personal and delivered in such a beautiful and heartfelt way was so special and exceeded any expectations that we had of the whole process. It was also great to be able to send it to some of the people who couldn't make it.

I can't tell you how much having you there to rely on helped get us through the week and day. To have someone we felt we knew and could totally depend on made it so much better.

All in all we have both said (and many of our family said) that we can't imagine having done it any other way, and it was just what we wanted and more. Laura'

'Thanks so much for getting back to me so promptly! I've just read through and it's brought back that wonderful feeling of love and pride in them both that I experienced on Saturday. We can't thank you enough for all that you did to make the day so special. I would recommend you as a humanist Celebrant unreservedly and wish you every success for the future. Best wishes from us both, Chris and John' (proud parents)

# Wedding - Jo + Shaun - 22nd August 2015 - at home in Marsden

'Can't believe how quickly the weekend has flown by. It's been absolutely everything we wanted. We really enjoyed the ceremony and all our family and friends did too. Thank you so much for making it so special. Io and Shaun x'

# Wedding - Lucy + Tommy - 15th August 2015 - Chadkirk Chapel, Stockport (deconsecrated)

'Thank you so much for your email and everything you did to make our day truly wonderful.

The humanist ceremony was perfect and so many people have commented on it being the best wedding ceremony they have ever been to. I know I'm biased but I have to agree. It was perfect and captured everything about mine and Tommy's life together.

we had the most amazing day and we thank you for the enormous part you played in making it so special.

Thank you once again for all your help, support and words of wisdom leading up to the big day. It really was everything we could have wished for and more. Kind regards,

Lucy and Tommy-Paul !!!! XXX'

# Naming - Woody - 12th August 2015 - Brownhill Nature Garden, Saddleworth \*

'Thank you so much for conducting the ceremony!

We've had good experiences of humanist weddings before -and just love the personal feeling they always have – and you didn't let us down. Everyone commented on what a nice naming ceremony it was.

Hopefully our paths will cross again – you are now our go to humanist! Best wishes,

Jane, Mark & Woody XXX'

#### Wedding - Jen + James - 1st August 2015 - Newton Grange, Skipton \*

'We really just wanted to say thanks again for your support in the run up to the wedding, and of course for your help on the day.

I think you really managed to convert some of the people we were most apprehensive about - everyone has been so complimentary about how lovely and personal the humanist ceremony was.

We'd love to take you for a drínk one day. Do let us know when you're free. Thanks, Jen and James XX'

#### Wedding - Rachel + Pete - 11th July 2015 - Hornington Manor, York

'Thanks for everything you did on the day. We had a lot of comments about how much people liked the ceremony.

We really enjoyed how personal it was and it felt much more appropriate to us than any other form of ceremony would. I think it's safe to say Rach, the guests and I all really enjoyed it and it made the day really special.

Thanks agaín, Pete'

# Wedding - Robyn + Steven - 10th July 2015 - Wordsworth Hotel, Grasmere

'I just wanted to say thank you so much for delivering such a wonderful ceremony for us. It was everything we hoped for and more.

The day just seemed to go so perfectly, we had a fantastic time from the morning until the end. Everyone was up dancing all night, it really was brilliant!

Thank you again Hannah, you were amazing and made the humanist ceremony so special and unique. All the guests commented on how lovely it was and that they hadn't been to a ceremony like it. They loved how personal it was, some guests even questioned how you knew so much about us!

I thínk an outsíde wedding ceremony was a real treat for everyone too. Robyn xx'

## Wedding - Neave + Patrick - 4th July 2015 - Rivington Hall Barn, Bolton

'Thank you for the script of the day. We will cherish it. Thank you again for all the work you did for us and for being a part of making our day so extremely amazing. Our wedding was featured on the Rock My Wedding blog today which is super exciting. Kind regards, Neave'

'The ceremony for me and Patrick was the most special part of the day.

We chose to have a humanist ceremony. The weather was so hit and miss that I didn't find out the ceremony was outside until I got there. It was lead by Celebrant Hannah Wroe Gill who built our beautiful, bespoke ceremony. She helped us write our vows and create something which we will cherish forever.

Our ceremony was U.S, it was about our 1.3 years together so far, how we have grown and how much we love each other. She made our family and friends laugh and cry not least me and Patrick.

We had 'I Wanna Be Yours' read by Patricks brother Owen and Friendship ready by my friend Laura both were special moments during the ceremony. We also did Hand-fasting accompanied by a beautiful reading from my brother Liam called 'These are the hands'.' *Extract from their entry on 'Rock My Wedding' site*.

#### Wedding - Jen + Warren - 27th June 2015 - at the family home, Oldham

'Thank you, not only for making our ceremony everything we had imagined – and then some – but for making the whole process of building it so beautiful too.

Thank you for your ongoing support and your well timed and perfectly worded emails. Thank you for helping us to say what we wanted to say and working out how best to say it.

Thank you for thinking of everything from 'first questions' to 'practicalities'.

Thank you for making our family and friends laugh heartily and cry (uncontrollably in some cases!).

Thank you for your calmness and professionalism on the morning of the wedding (and throughout) and for putting everyone at ease.

Thank you for taking the time to meet and introduce yourself to all of the people who are important to us and for making them feel important too.

Thank you for the way you liaised with the numerous suppliers.

Thank you Hannah for making our special day even more so and for helping us to make memories that will be cherished by many forever.

With our love and best wishes,

Warren and Jen xxx'

'Wonderful Hannah.

Just a daft little something from us to help you through those emails...

Grooms' (1 cup) Brides (2 cups...possibly 3!?!)

Thank you.

Bestest wishes,  $Mr \notin Mrs \notin C'$ 

Note with gift of 'My Thinking Cup' by 'Death by tea'.

'Derrick and I would like to thank you very much for helping Jen and Warren celebrate their special day in such a special way.

we have had many lovely comments from our guests saying how welcome you made them feel.

We agree, and though the ceremony was in Jen and Warren's own words, you delivered them in just the right way.

We could not have asked for a better day.

Thank you once again.

Kínd regards,

Ellen & Derrick' Note from bride's parents

# Wedding - Lou + Dom - 20th June 2015 - Settrington Orangery, near Malton

'The passages around the ring exchanges are BEAUTIFUL! We really feel like you've captured the essence of our relationship perfectly. We both got teary just reading it now, not sure how we're going to make it through the ceremony! Thank you so much Hannah, just reading this tonight has made us both very happy! We can't wait for the big day! Best, Dom & Lou' *On the reading of the first draft*.

#### Wedding - Angela + Craig - 19th June 2015 - The Deanwater Hotel, Wilmslow

'Thank you for making our day so special. Everyone commented on how different and nice it was. Thank you again, Angela  $\mathfrak S$  Craig'

#### Wedding - Clayton + Natalie - 6th June 2015 - Gilling Old Mill Barn, near Richmond

'We are settling into married life very nicely and just wanted to thank you again for such a beautiful ceremony.

Everyone still talks to us about it now and we can't praise you enough for making our day as special as it was!

In fact I thínk our fríends Kate and Al were so impressed they have contacted you for their own wedding next year so we will see you at that too – I'm sure it will bring back our own special memories!

Kínd regards,

Natalie and Clayton'

## Naming - James - 31st May 2015 - at home, Stockport \*

'We wanted to celebrate James' arrival into the world and into our lives and we wanted a non-religious way of doing this. Having done some research we came across the idea of a humanist naming ceremony and we found that this fitted perfectly with what we had in mind.

However, this being our first time doing this and particularly with our families being unfamiliar with a humanist naming ceremony, we were anxious about ensuring it was accessible for everyone and provided a meaningful and special celebration of James' new arrival. Hannah put us completely at ease and walked us through the process of creating a ceremony that reflected our personalities and perspectives on life and hopes and dreams for James.

She provided examples of readings and vows and suggestions for symbolic acts from which we could draw inspiration. Throughout the whole process, the relationship with Hannah was very positive and she made everything as easy as possible for us. She was always there to answer our queries and a very thorough professional.

Gavin's sister who acted as a guide parent for James commented afterwards that writing her vows made the naming ceremony a personal and honest statement of her intent for James and his life ahead.

we are truly thankful to Hannah for helping us to make the ceremony an intimate and inspiring event which brought together our family and friends for a memorable day.

Many thanks, Gavin, Gemma and James'

#### Wedding - Hannah + Robin - 30th May 2015 - at home, Cawthorne

'Our wedding ceremony was fantastic- a seriously memorable day for us all- and we have had lovely feedback from everyone. So happy we asked you to do it! Hannahx'

## Wedding - Carla + Ian - 29th May 2015 - Styal Lodge, Cheshire

'Hannah!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you from the very bottom of my heart.

You were truly fantastic. You delivered the most wonderful words to our friends and family and got the balance of time vs emotion spot on... Heavy on the emotion, just as we'd asked... The graph never lies!!!

Honestly, we made some great decisions throughout this whole wedding planning malarkey but picking you to host proceedings was definitely one of the best! Thank you for being totally brilliant. Everyone thought it was wonderful.

To quote my grandad... He's never been to a ceremony like that before ... and he thought it was 'lovely'....

Big plaudits!!! Big love!! Big thanks!! CXXXX'

# Wedding - kj + Michael - 26th May 2015 - Bagden Hall, Denby Dale

'I wanted to thank you again for conducting the ceremony for us – you were fabulous and it was just wonderful – a perfect combination of formal and fun. Kj'

# Wedding - Hanna + Guy - 24th May 2015 - at the family home, Cambridge

'It was the most amazing day, thank you so much for conducting the ceremony in a thoughtful, responsive and sensitive way that made the event totally memorable for everyone involved.

And I know that Guy found your calm spirit and support tremendously helpful on the day, not least when he was being bombarded with questions and later, waiting for the (traditionally) late bride to appear!

All my thanks for creating a wonderful day, Ginny' (Groom's mother)

'I meant to write sooner to let you know what a special humanist ceremony you created for my daughter Hanna and Guy in May this year.

Thank you again.

Best wishes from Stefan' (Bride's father)

## Wedding - Victoria + Nick - 23rd May 2015 - 'Greenacres', Derbyshire

'We will reply formally when we get a chance, but I wanted to let you know that your input to the day was absolutely amazing. Great job! We are sorry we didn't say goodbye before we left. It was obviously a bit of a whirlwind. We did take in the whole day though and it was easily the best day of my life. We had so many comments about the ceremony. Everyone I spoke to was blown away with it. Nick'

'I want to thank you so much for delivering such a beautiful humanist wedding ceremony for us.

Everything about the ceremony was perfect, so many of our guests who have been a part of our lives for the last 15 years were just blown away by how personal and meaningful the service ones and many who are already married told us that if they ever had their time again they would be getting in touch with you!

I am sure you get similar feedback all the time but I just want you to know how much we appreciate the time and effort you put into getting to know us and creating a ceremony which was so apt! You honestly could not have done it better.

Thank you again, as Nick said, we will send you a formal thanks in due course but I just wanted to let you know now how grateful we are and how much you made our day! I really think the ceremony set the atmosphere and feeling for the party that followed.

Kínd regards, Víctoría'

'Thank you very much for a lovely service. It was spot on. As you can imagine we were very proud Grandparents. Best wishes, Arthur & Betty' (Bride's grandparents)

#### Wedding - Gillian + Colin - 12th April 2015 - Adlington Hall, Cheshire

'We are so grateful to you for making our special day 'So Special'. The ceremony was wonderful. We wish we could press replay and do it all again.

You helped us through what was a difficult process, giving us guidance and help from our initial meeting right up to our big day. Having been partners for 20 years before our marriage, you made us dig into long gone memories and bring them back to life, which was wonderfully nostalgic. You made our life before, our ceremony and our wonderful vows come to life and delivered it with total professionalism.

So many of our guests commented on what a beautiful humanist service it was, so different. For some it was the best they had ever experienced. So it was for us as well: the

involvement of friends and family, singing, poems and the hand fasting Itying the knot] all culminated into a fun, happy and yet serious ceremony.

Thank you for all your hard work. We know at times you had to give us nudges to respond to your questions, but it all paid off. We do not think anybody has ever had a nicer wedding than we had. You were a big hit and we had the most perfect day.

A big hug and thank you again from both of us." Gillian and Colin

## Wedding - Susie + Matt - 4th April 2015 - Low Newton beach, Northumberland

'Our day wouldn't have been what it was without your guidance and support throughout.

From the initial (epic) phone call through to your awesome guest herding on the day itself you were very much a part of our wedding and the boys' naming. The sequence of the ceremony was seamless and beautiful, with as you predicted not a dry eye in the house (or rather on the beach!). Whilst little Eli is likely to be too young to remember much of the day, Isaac will forever remember how much fun everyone had. We have some beautiful pictures of him gazing at the hand fasting.

Choosing to have a Humanist ceremony for both the wedding and the naming meant we could focus the day on our family as well as have the Guide Parents we wanted for our children, rather than being restricted to just those of faith or who are christened. Neither of us are religious in nature and to choose an alternative was the natural thing for us to do to celebrate our family our way. What you did for us is unforgettable and we shall forever cherish you in the memories of the day.

So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. with love, Susie & Matt, and Elí, Isaac and Charlie XXX'

'For Hannah, With love and so many thanks for all that you did for us on our day, Susie and Matt W XX' *Note with gift box from 'Happy Box', London* 

# Wedding - Katie + Nathan - 2nd April 2015 - a fabulous tipi in Halifax

'Thanks so much for everything you have done. The humanist service was perfect and exactly what we wanted and so much more! Speak soon. Mr and Mrs H xxx'

Naming - Edwin - 29th March 2015 - Hallowes Golf Club, Dronfield

'We just wanted to say a very big thank you for today.

It was a wonderful service and everyone I spoke to said what an amazing and emotional ceremony it was...and so refreshing! Thanks again, Andrea + Alan xx'

## Naming - Oliver - 14th March 2015 - 'Salute' at the White Swan, Rothwell \*

'Well we certainly chose well when we picked you to lead our son's naming ceremony...what a fantastic day!

Having never been to a humanist naming ceremony Jon and I did not really know what to expect, but you guided us through the process with professionalism and commitment.

The ceremony was exactly what Jon and I wanted: personal to us, emotional (yes there were many tears of joy during the ceremony including myself), enjoyable and above all so special.

I have had lots of feedback from my friends and family about how lovely the day was and we have you to thank for that.

So a huge thank you from Jon and I for all that you did to make Oliver's day so special and memorable.

Adele & Jon X'

# Wedding - Jo + Dav - 17th January 2015 - Mere Court Hotel, Knutsford

'We will never forget you (or your, very good at hiding, husband) and what you did for us.

I hope that you can fully understand how much you made our wedding and lives come to life.

I will probably keep sending you the occasional message to let you know this but for now here is just another thank you.

You also really impressed all of my friends, the photographer and the hotel!

Jo x' A remarkable 'wedding in a week' challenge due to illness.

# Naming - Darcey - 10th January 2015 - Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

'Thank you so much for an amazing special ceremony, it was just perfect.

None of our guests had ever been to a naming ceremony and they loved it and many have said they wished they had done one for their children.

Thank you so much for your support and guidance in the lead up to the day.

I love having a copy of the script to share with Darcey in years to come.

Kíndest regards,

Melaníe'

#### 2014

# Wedding - Marie + James - 13th December 2014 - 30, St Mary Axe (aka 'The Gherkin'), London

## 'Saturday...a one to remember

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making Saturday such a wonderful and memorable day and for your ability to pass on to all of us present a share of the love and happiness that Marie and James have for each other. Your words, and I'm sure I can speak for everybody present, gave us warmth, joy and hope. You must have spent an awful lot of your time putting the service together with so much detail, for that I give you a huge hug, you already have my love.

Lots of love and thank you again,

Frankie XX' An extraordinary day for one of my oldest friends.

## Wedding - Melanie + Carl - 28th December 2014 - King's Croft Hotel, Pontefract

'Hannah, thís ís truly beautíful. We've both read the scrípt with tears (good ones!) ín our eyes. I'm blown away by how beautífully you've línked the words we each sent to you and formed them into something so special. Thank you so much. Melanie and Carl' *Message on receipt of first draft*.

Thank you so much for all the work that you put into our humanist ceremony.

It was everything we hoped it would be and more and the process was made so easy by your friendly and professional approach to the whole thing.

We've lost count of the number of people who have commented positively on the ceremony, most saying similar things: how personal it was, how well it suited us as a couple, how enjoyable it was.

We were even told by one guest that it was the best wedding ceremony they'd ever attended and another said they wanted to become a Humanist Celebrant after witnessing it! My sister actually welled up a bit when she said how lovely it was and how special it was to hear her own words in the well-wishing at the end.

we really can't thank you enough for everything you did. You helped to make our special day perfect and no words can express how much that means to us.

Fondest regards, Melaníe and Carl'

#### Wedding - Kelly + Steven - 6th September 2014 - The Village Hotel, Ashton

'Hannah, I honestly can't thank you enough.

You were amazing. Everybody absolutely loved the humanist ceremony and it was so beautiful I wish I could press repeat. Guests asked me afterwards what type of ceremony it was as it was not like the ones they had been to previously and were commenting that they were converted. It was so special and memorable.

We honestly can't recommend you highly enough. Thank you, Kelly and Steven xxxxxx'

#### Naming - Isla - 31st August 2014 - at home, Gomersal \*

'We are just coming down from the weekend and cannot believe how lucky we are to have had everything go as it did. Compliments to you on the whole thing too.

We were so happy with how you conducted the naming ceremony and I really enjoyed the process of email exchanges beforehand and must admit feeling slightly giddy when I saw your name appear in the inbox!

I hope it won't be the last time we see you.

Look forward to hearing from you again.

Helen & Símon X'

#### Wedding - Jenni + Ben - 30th August 2014 - Newton Grange Farm, Skipton

'Thank you ever so much for the weekend.

It was a fantastic ceremony and everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves, not least me and jen.

we really appreciate everything that you did for us both in the run up to the wedding and on the day itself, you have been brilliant.

We are still on Cloud 9! Thanks again for everything.

It was the best day we could ever have hoped for.

Kínd regards, Ben'

# Wedding - Ella + Adam - 24th August 2014 - at the family home, Knaresborough

'We were just saying the other day we'd never thanked you for what the wonderful job you did at our humanist ceremony – it was perfect! Everyone loved it and many people commented on how much they enjoyed chatting to you afterwards, thank you!! It was such a perfect day!

Ella and Adam'

# Wedding - Lisa + Al – 23rd August 2014 – Carr Hall Castle, Halifax

'Wowza' is a fantastic description of our very special day.

Thank you SO much for all your support on the run up and then on the day with the most fabulous service you conducted.

I've since heard you gave Al and the 'boys' much needed support, advice and 'orders' on the day to ensure everything was perfect and it certainly was!

All our guests have commented what a truly beautiful, personal service it was. Our vows as you know meant so much to us and our wavering voices and big smiles portrayed that fact to all our family and friends.

We really couldn't have asked for a better, more genuinely lovely person than you Hannah to proceed over our day. I hope our paths will cross again.

With best wishes, Lisa ξ Al Η xxx'

# Wedding - Naomi + Stu - 16th August 2014 - Garden Farm, Matlock

'We had such an amazing time as well - we couldn't imagine it going any more perfectly!

Thank you so much for our wonderful ceremony – it was perfect in every way and something we shall remember for the rest of our lives, as will many of our guests I have been told!

Thanks again for your contribution to our day.

If someone asked me if I could change anything, there would be nothing at all I would do differently.

Perfect in every single way. Stu & Naomi Xxx'

'Thank you so much for helping us to realise our dream.

I'm so happy to hear that you enjoyed being part of our celebration.

We had lots of comments about how beautiful our ceremony was, how great you were and how much they loved the idea of a humanist wedding. You were a big hit!

The rest of the day could not have played out more perfectly.

I had the best day of my life by a long way.

I loved every single minute.

Speak to you soon,

Love Naomí X'

# Wedding - Natalee + Jamel - 2nd August 2014 - 'The Huntsman', Holmfirth

Jamel and I just wanted to say a big thank you for the great job you did with our wedding ceremony.

Your commitment to getting the ceremony exactly right was evident throughout the process. And you delivered a script that was perfect for us.

Jamel commented how great you were at whipping everyone in to shape on the day of the wedding and we both felt confident knowing that our wedding ceremony was in your hands!

Thank you for everything, Natalee & Jamel X'

# Naming - Nancy - Sunday 20th July 2014 - at home, Ockbrook \*

'We just wanted to say a huge thank you again for the most perfect ceremony for Nancy's naming day. It was wonderful and summed up all of our thoughts and feelings about our baby daughter and all she has brought to our family.

I think you could probably tell how moved everyone was by the number of people shedding tears! So many people said how much they enjoyed it and how wonderfully you conducted the event, but most of all how personal it was.

We can't imagine a more fitting celebration to welcome Nancy to the world. What made it even more special was the fact that you also did our son's naming day 2 years ago – we felt as though we were welcoming a friend back to our home!

We can't thank you enough Hannah. With our very best wishes, Νίcola ξ Símon'

# Wedding - Caro + Karen - 19th July 2014 - at home, Welburn

'Our heads are still spinning with wonderfulness of it all, just far and away the best day of our lives no doubt about it, and you were a massive part of that!

You guided us through with utter calm, and the humanist ceremony you put together was overwhelmingly beautiful, as evidenced by barely a dry eye in the house, or tent.

So, so many people have commented on you and how wonderful you were, and how you must have known us for ages to have been able to put together something so personal and so fitting.

No amount of thanks is enough. You are an amazing woman and so, so good at what you do, and clearly believe in it completely.

The time and care and attention you put in was overwhelming, even down to timing arrivals so the songs we chose had the maximum impact.

# ТНАМК ҮОИ!!!!

Lots of love, Caro and Karen. Xxx'

#### Wedding - Emma + Mike - 12th July 2014 - Priory House, Lincolnshire

'It's been a little over four months now since our gorgeous wedding ceremony in Long Bennington, μκ. We've been so busy I haven't really had time to give a formal "thank you" to our fabulous Celebrant Hannah Wroe Gill at Your Three Days.

We decided to have a humanist wedding (non-religious) and Hannah made us the most lovely bespoke ceremony. She kept us calm during the planning process and listened to all of our ideas and questions.

Our ceremony was unique and perfect for us. Thank you so, so much Hannah!' Emma  $\mathcal{E}$  Mike Based in the US

## Wedding - Steph + Mike - 11th July 2014 - The Devonshire Fell, Skipton

'I hope you are well and have had a good few weeks. We certainly have and we can't stop smiling and talking about the day. It was perfect, exactly what we wanted, and a large part of that was down to you.

After reading your testimonials, I knew I had to call you, and I'm so pleased I did! From the second we spoke on the phone, I felt like you were really understood what we wanted from our ceremony.

As you know the ceremony part of our wedding was really important to us but we also didn't want anything too 'lovey dovey' either! You helped us through the planning stages with lots of ideas, advice and reassurance, but we always felt that it was our day and any decisions were down to us. On the wedding day you were such a calming influence. So many of the guests have commented on how great you were, even before the ceremony.

The ceremony itself was genuine, relaxed, heartfelt and light hearted. You certainly know how to keep an audience! Everyone has commented on how much they enjoyed the humanist ceremony and that it was the most personal they have been to. Mike and I loved the script and it really put into words how we feel about each other.

You weren't there at the speeches when Mike thanked you, so this email is to let you know how much we appreciate everything you did. THANK YOU!

Wishing you all the best for the future, Mr and Mrs H!'

## Naming - Imogene - 6th July 2014 - 'The Alma', Sheffield \*

'we all had a really lovely day.

Everyone complimented us on what a heart warming ceremony it was. Once again you did a tremendous job of capturing our emotions and delivering them in a sincere yet light hearted way.

While Dean and I won't need you for anymore naming ceremonies, I have a feeling this isn't the last you've heard from our family.'

Cheryl

'We are lucky enough to be blessed with two wonderful children. As my husband and I are both atheist, we did not want to christen our children. We did however want to celebrate their arrival.

We chose Hannah to run the proceedings for our first child's naming ceremony because she seemed so enthusiastic about helping us achieve the commemoration we wanted from her very first contact. She was amazing. So much so that we couldn't have imagined welcoming our daughter to the world in any other way than to duplicate our son's ceremony.

Hannah managed to keep the sentiment the same second time around, while still making our daughters celebration unique to her. I can't recommend Hannah highly enough. She was so warm and caring in delivering her script that our guests thought she was a family member or close friend.

She almost makes us want to have a third child ... Not quite though!' Cheryl and Dean

#### Wedding - Vicki + Pete - 27th June 2014 - 'The Fleece', Barkisland \*

'Thank you so much for our lovely amazing wedding!

You have been brilliant from start to finish and everyone was talking about how lovely the humanist ceremony was. I can't really say much else apart from it was absolutely perfect and it has been a pleasure working with you on it. We loved the readings too!

I'm going to miss your emails!! Thank you again. Vicki and Pete xxx'

#### Naming - James - 7th June 2014 - at home in Manchester

'We can't put into words how amazing today was and how much it meant to us! You made it everything we wanted and more! Next baby that we have we will be booking you in before the birth for their naming!

We really can't express in words how happy and wonderful it was. But thank you from the bottom of our hearts and souls.

# Love,

# Mel and Chris'

# Wedding - Debbie + Gordon - 17th May 2014 - fields in Buxton, Derbyshire

'Hope all is well with you. No doubt you're busy now wedding season is in full swing.

Everyone thought I was mad doing a D.I.M. (do-it-myself) wedding, and there were odd times I thought maybe it wasn't my brightest idea – namely @ 13.05 on the 17th when I was still doing starters & puddings!

But the feedback has been amazing, we have had so many positive responses and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and so what if I forgot to put the custard in my trifles, and found the cake knife as we were packing away on Sunday, we all had a brilliant time! But I couldn't have done it alone, I had a great team behind me, PJ is still going on about being the best Best Man ever and he can't wait until you open your school for best men!!! The Bridesmaids, our friends & family all had their parts to play and of course Gordon played a leading role.

You were also fantastic, making the ceremony everything we had hoped for and then some! Many people weren't familiar with the humanist ceremony concept and more than a bit sceptical – I think we converted them all!

Take care & thank-you again for making our day so wonderful, D&G'

# Wedding - Zoe + Chris - 9th May 2014 - Gibbon Bridge Hotel, Preston

'It has taken me three weeks to sit down and try to put into words what this wonderful lady did for us, yet still I am finding it difficult.

Hannah spent so much time prior to the ceremony talking to myself and Chris, asking questions and getting to know us and how we work as a couple and a family. I have to admit, there were times when I thought she may have gone slightly crazy but she assured me "It will all make sense" and it did. There were days when everything all became too much and I asked myself why on earth did we decide to arrange a wedding but Hannah was always there to remind me of what really mattered and that was us, nothing else. She was there every step of the way and took care of so many little details that wouldn't have crossed my mind.

The ceremony that Hannah gave was absolutely beautiful. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. Every single one of my guests commented and were all blown away by the unique

and personal style of the humanist ceremony. It was very important to us that the ceremony be about us as a family and Hannah captured this perfectly, taking on board everything that we had discussed over the weeks prior. For me the most amazing thing was how she had asked us specific questions and put our own words into the vows. We couldn't have told our story any better than she did.

I cannot recommend her services enough to you. If you are in any doubt about the way you would like your humanist service to go, one conversation with Hannah and you will never look back. I am tempted to divorce and re marry just to do it all over again!!

This woman has an amazing gift and a beautiful soul. Everyone needs a Hannah when they get married!!

Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts Hannah, Zoe and Chrís XX'

# Wedding - Victoria + Olly - 17th April 2014 - Harewood House, Leeds

'Thank-you Hannah. We are still on Cloud Nine after our wedding and honeymoon... We were so happy with the humanist service that you did for us. It was our favourite part of the whole wedding. EVERYONE has commented on it afterwards. Thank-you for making it so special, Victoria' Just a note to thank you for the beautiful service that you wrote for our wedding.

It was perfect, very personal and really brought our love story to life.

Every one of our guests commented on how much they enjoyed the ceremony. It was our favourite part of the day!

Thank you for making our day so special.

Love from Olly & Victoria XX' Thank you card

#### Wedding - Rachel + Mike - 12th April 2014 - at home, Manchester

"I really do not know where to start when I talk about Hannah.

We initially got in touch with her to carry out a wedding service in our home, but she quickly became an integral part in the big day and our lives in the run up to it! The day was a roaring success, well people are still talking about it 3 months on, and she played a major role in this!

You see she is more than a humanist Celebrant, she is part wedding planner, part bride counsellor and part chief calmer downer (not sure if it's a word, but this is what she

does!)! We had a few stresses over the days organisation, she helped calmly to solve it! As with all weddings, emotions run high and again she was there to counsel and calm us all. There was never a time when she did not deliver great advice to any kind of drama! I think she has probably seen it all, and it showed!

She also never once lacked a good sense of humour, essential when dealing with any bride and groom! She often made me laugh at the most stressful times. Hannah is the perfect, non-alcoholic, wedding stress relieving tonic!!!!!

The humanist service was just beautiful and delivered to perfection. The words she wrote about us, and for us to say were exactly how we wanted it to be. We meant every word we said to one another and left no stone unturned thanks to her. So many people commented on how lovely the service was, like nothing they had heard before which was music to my ears!

My only regret is that I will never really be able to thank her enough for what she did, as words cannot express just how good she made our special day and the start of our lives together!

## Naming - Finlay - 15th February 2014 - Moss Lodge, Rochdale \*

'I just wanted to say thank you so much for everything; for being so proactive in the organising of Finlay's naming ceremony; for coming up with so many different ideas; for being so accommodating at such short notice; for making us feel so relaxed about everything and for being so clearly passionate about what you do.

We received so many lovely comments about the ceremony. It was definitely the best way to celebrate Finlay's first birthday, we're both so glad that we did it. And we definitely made the right choice in you as our Celebrant.

Expect a phone call when we have another baby! Take care, Kay + Shaun xxx'

## Wedding - Laura + Mich - 11th January 2014 - Waterton Park Hotel, Wakefield

'Wow – what a ceremony! Me and Michel can't thank you enough for how great our wedding ceremony was. From start to finish you were wonderful and made us feel at ease the whole time. Many of our guests came to us after and said how much they loved the ceremony and how great you were at speaking, and I couldn't agree more. Once again thank you so much and take care, Laura & Mich X'

#### <u>2013</u>

#### Wedding - Sarah + Adam - 27th December 2013 - Manchester Town Hall

'I just wanted to let you know how happy Adam and I were that you were part of our day. The humanist ceremony was amazing, so many people have commented on it, and said how lovely it was.

We couldn't have asked for more and it was the perfect way for us to share how we see marriage with those that are important to us.

I'm sure that we will be in touch in the not too distant future for a naming ceremony, but until then both Adam and I want to wish you all the best.

With our greatest thanks, Sarah & Adam'

#### Wedding - Jo + Mark - 23rd November 2013 - Callow Hall, Derbyshire \*

'We just wanted to say a big thank you for firstly agreeing to do our wedding service and secondly for everything you did in the run up to the wedding and on the wedding day itself.

We definitely had the best day of our lives!

Having a Humanist ceremony meant a lot to me and you certainly delivered.

You were absolutely fantastic and choosing you was definitely the right decision.

Despite our delays in providing answers to the questions, you still managed to create the perfect script!

Everyone commented on how lovely the service was and people didn't even ask when we got legally married!

Love,

Jo and Mark XX'

#### Wedding - Max + Mike - 21st September 2013 - 'Crowhill', Marsden

'Thank you for everything. Sorry you weren't feeling well, no one would have known that you were under the weather. Thanks again. So many guests were impressed and delighted with the ceremony, I think they may have discovered something new. Max & Mike XXXX'

#### Naming - Willow - 15th September 2013 - at home, Pontefract

'Thank you for your calming influence, your openness to last minute changes and alterations, your humour, the effort you made with our families and friends and for the atmosphere that you created for the naming ceremony.

we wanted all our friends and family to know how important they are to us and that they are appreciated and loved. I think we achieved that.

Willow has been in a fabulous mood all day today, I think she is glad she has been named. May our paths cross again, Jess, Scott and Willow XXX'

# Wedding - Ayesha + Richard - 14th September 2013 - The Guildhall, York

"... But the highlight of the whole wedding was the humanist ceremony.

It was absolutely amazing. I had been so nervous in the build up but seeing you just before the ceremony on Saturday completely calmed my nerves. You have this utterly lovely combination of authoritativeness and warmth that completely put me at ease-like everything was completely in hand. Your calmness around 'gran-gate' was great too, I really felt as long as you were there everything would be okay. Rich has said exactly the same, your recommendation of not going to the front too early, of greeting people at the door of the Guildhall- all of these small details had a seismic effect of the feel of the ceremony.

Walking down the aisle I will never forget- a completely out of body but totally in the moment kind of an experience. I felt so aware of everything and everyone that was there-it is indescribable the feeling of walking in to a room and experiencing a tidal wave of love and warmth. The ceremony was all I could have hoped for-seeing all those smiling faces, Rich's face. I am so glad you suggested the arrangement for standing the way you didit was amazing seeing people's faces and all the tears- oh my goodness I have never seen so many people cry at a wedding-I am secretly thrilled about this, happy tears are just beautiful, Rich told me that the string quartet were in tears too- we had never met them!!!!!!

Your delivery of the ceremony was brilliant. You are a truly great Celebrant and really held the energy and filled the space. It felt so safe and sacred (not a word I've used before) and just really perfect. I know people are probably always waxing lyrical about their own ceremonies but literally all of our guests commented on what an incredible ceremony it was with lots of people saying it was the best ceremony they had ever been to- including some 'humanist wedding sceptics'. Your name also came up throughout the rest of the wedding-people saying how brilliant you had been. I only wish you had been there for the rest of the wedding.

We deliberated pretty much every decision about our wedding and looked at countless options for most things, you were absolutely the best choice we made for our wedding and I am so grateful. A massive, heartfelt thank you to you for giving us such an enormously precious day and the happiest of memories. Ayesha'

#### Naming - Esmé - 8th September 2013 - Ken Ward Sports Centre, Cheshire

'Hannah, It is us who wanted to send you a special thank you.

You were extraordinary to work with, and we will be "talking you up" to each and every one of our friends, for future events. For most of our family and friends, a humanist naming ceremony was an "unknown"; to a person, all have responded with glowing comments regarding how beautiful the ceremony was and how it changed the way they would think about comparable ceremonies like this in the future.

The impression you left went well beyond just that hour on the day! It will stay with them, and us, for years and years to come.

All the best and we hope our paths cross again in the future! Cheers, Brad, Kate, Esmé ξ Tilda'

## Wedding - Lewis + Janette - 22nd August 2013 - The Craven Cruck Barn, Appletreewick

'It is so lovely to hear from you, thank you for the beautiful script of our ceremony. It brings the day vividly to life and a tear to the eye.

Thank you for all your work in creating such a meaningful humanist ceremony and for leading the day with such grace. We are still twinkling with the joy of the wedding and honeymoon.

Thank you again for making it so special. With all good wishes, Janette xxx'

# Naming - Edwin + Jessica - 18th August 2013 - Deanwater Hotel, Woodford, Cheshire

'Thank you so very much for everything yesterday. We couldn't have asked or hoped for more. Everybody loved it and commented on how personal and special it was, and how fantastic you were. It meant everything to me and Charlie. So thank you again. Christine ξ Charlie'

# Wedding - Natalia + Jon - 17th August 2013 - at home, Newark

'Hannah was an absolute pleasure to work with in so many ways – she really does go the extra mile to make you feel comfortable, relaxed, confident and happy with the decisions you make.
She offers her support throughout, her feedback when you need it and listens to your ideas and suggestions, giving you her honest opinion but always ensuring the final decision is your own. She is very easy to work with and has a wealth of knowledge in her field having supported many couples on their journey towards their special day.

On the day itself it was a delight to have her there with us, she brought calm and reassurance to what can be a fairly overwhelming and nerve racking experience. Her friendly yet professional persona meant that everyone involved immediately felt at ease with her and looked to her for guidance which she never tired of giving. Our humanist ceremony was simply beautiful and much more than we could have ever imagined all thanks to Hannah.

We are delighted we chose to invite Hannah to be a part of our special day and cannot thank her enough for the time, effort, care and attention to detail she put into making it an incredible day to remember! Thank you xxxx'

# Wedding - John + Megan - 3rdAugust 2013 - the Lantern Theatre, Sheffield

'As neither of us are believers, marriage for us was about sharing our love with our friends and family and declaring our commitment in front of them, and for that reason the ceremony was always the most important thing to us. Before I had heard of a Humanist ceremony, the idea of meeting our assigned Registrar on the day of our wedding, realising that we didn't click and then having to share the most important day of our lives with them, really worried me.

When we started planning our whens and wheres we found that the most special surroundings didn't necessarily host legal weddings. On investigation we realised that "legal" wasn't really all we were after in a wedding. We wanted something the recognised our friendship, love and compatibility and that marked the start of a new stage in our adventure (life!) together.

Finding Hannah took away all my worries about bringing a stranger into our most special day, after our very first conversation John and I both knew that we'd be delighted to share our day with her. It's impossible to describe how perfectly Hannah met every one of our needs in the run up to and on the day of our wedding. I think it's safe to say she's even had an impact on our marriage.

If I had to pick one thing to tell people about, it would be the process of creating the Humanist ceremony. In asking us questions about our story as a couple, our feelings about vows, rings and marriage Hannah gave us space to reflect on our relationship and gave us prompts to start planning what we wanted in marriage. This was such a lovely períod of our engagement – ít's not often you sít down and commít to paper what you love about your partner.

Reading what John had to say about me, and the fact that he found it so easy to say those positive things, confirmed for me that we were getting married for the right reasons (namely that we are besotted!) and emphasized that we wanted the same things as one another in our relationship after the "Big Day".

The end result of this process was a ceremony which perfectly reflected us, our story so far, and what we hope to be. Hannah transformed the essence of what we believed about marriage into a beautifully-worded script. I knew I'd be emotional about the words we were saying but I was surprised to see many of our congregation moved to tears too. So many of our friends gushed to us about the originality of the Humanist ceremony, and I know we just wouldn't have been able to create so something so "us" without Hannah.

There are so many other great things which I could rave about! From big things like giving advice when we needed someone experienced to take control; making sure we were happy and calm at each stage of the day; stage direction (including lights, music, timings and a hidden groom!) and smaller things like allowing us to pay in instalments and having a lovely calm attitude at the rehearsal when we had lots of overenthusiastic groomsmen, bridesmaids and venue volunteers faffing around us!

Hannah was so much more than we hoped for – she was our Celebrant, our host, our MC, our crowd control and our event manager. Her experience shows in everything she says and does and her calm, friendly manner was a very welcome addition to our Big Day.' Meg and John

'Thank you for our script and a million squillion thank yous for being so amazing on our wedding day too! We were gutted that we got whisked away without saying goodbye on the big day. Needless to say we had a super fun mini moon (with swimming in the channel, eating crab and drinking rum) and have been enjoying wedded bliss ever since.

We had such a super-incredible individual emotional ceremony and would like to give you a testimonial. Do let us know how this should work. Should we just say how great you are in an email or on your FB wall?

Naturally we'll also be recommending your Celebrant-ing to everyone we know too. John & Meg X'

## Wedding - Leanne + Lourens - 27th July 2013 - Bramhall Hall, Stockport

'We had such a great time and excellent feedback about how personal the ceremony was. Thanks for everything... Love, Leanne and Lou'

### Wedding - Jessica + Karl - 21st July 2013 - at home in Stockport

'I thínk we really díd have a perfect wedding day, due in no small part to Hannah who guided us brilliantly through the process of creation.

We were a bit clueless but she gave us lots of help and produced a personal, touching and beautifully delivered humanist service - despite a suddenly nervous and scatterbrained bride and our baby daughter turning on a fan in the middle of our vows so we giggled our way through them.

Our guests are still telling me it is the best wedding they have ever been to.

I would highly, highly recommend her.'

Jessíca

# Wedding - Rob + Layal - 19th July 2013 - Stoke Rochford Hall, Lincolnshire

'Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I don't feel like thank you even covers it but I don't have other words. I'm sorry this has taken me so long to write – all of a sudden, it's 3 weeks later and I'm coming up for air.

We KNEW you would do an incredible job. I KNEW you were perfect the moment I called. If you had charged 5 times as much, I would have paid it without flinching. I just don't think we could have imagined how perfect it would be on the day.

Every single line and word was us. That was the only thing that was important on the day (and for our marriage) and you condensed Rob and I into a 40 minute script. Love it. It was such an amazing start to the day and we can't thank you enough.

Rob made the comment that it's not often enough that people stop to think about why they work and what 'makes love happen' so it's really nice to have it written down and reflected on.

When I think of the moments that made that day, and how nervous I was walking down the aisle, I felt like I had you, and Rob and that made me safe. It was like having a friend to meet at the end and that's comforting.

Thank you again. Please send an address, I want to send you something!

P.S. Use whatever you want on your website, I can still write a gushing testimonial!

P.P.S The lady in the lime dress who was sobbing at the end? She is a features writer. I'd like to pass your details on. I promised you some publicity – and I'd like more people to have the kind of day we did.

XXXX'

Layal and Rob

### Wedding - Jane + Gemma - 6th July 2013 - at home, Leeds

'My partner wanted to leave the ceremony to just the official words at the registry office but after much negotiation she agreed to also have a humanist ceremony with Hannah and all our friends and family at home.

This ended up being one of the very best parts of the day and largely that was thanks to Hannah. She was incredibly professional in the preparation for the big day, making sure that everything had been considered and organized. She was also incredibly patient with our constantly changing plans.

On the day Hannah was perfect and we are so glad we had her to lead our ceremony.

Many thanks, Jane and Gemma'

### Wedding - Laura + Ben - 29th June 2013 - Garden Farm, Matlock

'Thanks for creating such a lovely humanist wedding service for us – it was great. We had the most wonderful day (despite a bit of sunburn!) and a brilliant honeymoon. Now back to real life!

Regards, Laura and Ben'

### Wedding - Grace + Reece - 22nd June 2013 - Hodsock Grange, Nottinghamshire

'Hannah was a fantastic choice for us!

She coordinated and delivered a perfect ceremony for our combined wedding and baby naming celebrations. Her ability to ask the right questions, listen carefully, and make sure she understood what we wanted, was evident in the brilliant script she created.

It was important to us that our ceremony was romantic, while not being overly sentimental, and she hit exactly the right tone with it – having us all at the brink of tears one minute, and then laughing out loud the next!

Fabulous! We can't recommend her highly enough.' Grace and Reece

#### Naming - Bethany - 30th June 2013 - King's Croft Hotel, Pontefract

'We cannot thank you enough for making Bethany's naming day so special. Everyone loved her ceremony and that is all thanks to you. Just perfect. Thank you. Adele and Rob'

#### Wedding - Dave + Angela - 8th June 2013 - at home, Manchester

'It was truly a very special and FANTASTIC day and in the true Angela tradition.... weekend!

Most of the family and some friends called yesterday, and we re-lived the day from start to finish again. At one point I sat back and watched and listened to them all talking with such admiration for you that it brought me to tears.

We received so many complimentary words in our guest book about the ceremony, your delivery and how so personal and touching it was from start to finish. I looked around at one point and there wasn't a dry eye in the place! Dave's Auntie said she'd gone through 4 packets of tissues!

We both want to thank you for everything you checked, wrote, amended and helped with. We both have said that your professionalism and heartfelt passion to create a unique ceremony shone through, and touched not only our hearts, but the hearts of all our guests and family.

All our love, Dave and Angela'

#### Wedding - Sean + Emma - Saturday 1st June 2013 - North Yorkshire

'When we thought about who we wanted to perform our wedding ceremony, we wanted someone experienced, personable and confident. Upon speaking to Hannah for the first time we knew she was the right choice to deliver such an important part of our day.

Hannah maintained regular contact with us throughout the whole process, giving us exercises to get to know us. Nothing was too much trouble and nothing seemed to phase her, with Hannah embracing the more quirky and unique elements of our ceremony. She was positive and reassuring, giving help and advice along the way.

The scrípt Hannah wrote for us was perfect and so personal. We loved how it incorporated the things we had told Hannah about ourselves and our relationship. Hannah confidently conducted our humanist ceremony and our guests were full of praise, saying it was so personal and it was as if Hannah had known us for years.

We cannot thank Hannah enough for all she did in the run up to and on the day of our wedding.'

Sean and Emma

#### Wedding - Nancy + Joel - 27th May 2013 - Woodborough Hall, Nottinghamshire \*

'Hannah - I'm not quite sure when I will come back down from Cloud 9.

You did the most sterling job for us yesterday. You were simply amazing and it couldn't have been more perfect. Everyone loved the humanist ceremony and I have never seen so many men crying in one place – the tears flowed for the rest of the day – happy ones and emotional ones... We felt very loved.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Nancy XXXX'

'I'm so glad we have started our married life with a ceremony from such a wonderful person Hannah. It was a fantastic day. I couldn't have wished for more. Joel Xx'

## wedding - Will + Ali - 11th May 2013 - Styal Lodge, Cheshire

'It was such a lovely and amazing day. It just went so fast! Thank you so much for everything. The ceremony was just how we wanted it and it captured us so well. We loved it! Big love, Ali and Will XX'

### Naming - Cassien - 5th May 2013 - The Irish Centre, Huddersfield

'Still buzzing from last Sunday! It was amazing! The party was lovely, but the naming ceremony was the icing on the cake!

Everybody loved it and as they didn't know what to expect it made it all the better. So many people have now mentioned it would be something they would now consider as it was so personal and all about Cassien.

Thank you so much for everything. It's crazy to think it's all over now, but at least we are left with happy memories! Take care, Annrose ξ Calvin xxx'

## Wedding - Kelly + Andrew – 4th May 2013 – Countesthorpe Village Hall, Leicester

'We had a perfect day thanks to yourself and the beautiful humanist ceremony. Everybody thought it was lovely and enjoyed listening to it. Some even commented it was better than any ceremony they have been to. We will now enjoy our new life as a family. Thanks again, Andrew, Kelly and Sophie xxx'

## Wedding - Dave + Helen - 13th April 2013 - The Viaduct Theatre, Dean Clough, Halifax

'Jay's photographs have reminded us of how special our wedding day was and Helen and I would like to thank you very much for your part at the centre of it. Few of our guests knew what to expect from, or had little idea what a humanist ceremony was before the day. Since then they have all told us how appropriate, moving and full of love and joy the experience was.

Our discussions with you before, and your guidance as we developed our vows, combined with your performance on the day created the perfect celebration for us and our guests, many of whom wished they had celebrated their day with the same depth of feeling. The ceremony gave some friends, who are planning to marry soon, cause to reassess their own wedding plans, so powerful was the experience at our own.

The length, balance of emotion, and timing of the ceremony was great, and the hand fasting an ideal way to conclude. We cannot thank you enough for your contribution to our perfect day.

Best Regards, Helen & Dave'

### Wedding - Hannah + Chris - 6th April 2013 - on the family farm, Chesterfield

'We just wanted to say a massive thank you for making our wedding so amazing. The ceremony was perfect.

I just wish we could do it all over again.

Love, Hannah and Chris'

#### Wedding - Suze + Rohan – 30th March 2013 – 'Taitlands', North Yorkshire

'Thank you very much for creating such a fantastic humanist ceremony. We have enjoyed every step of the process (especially how it has kept our focus on what is really important rather than trivial wedding 'stuff'). With best wishes and huge thanks, Rohan and Suze' *Thank you card* 

#### Wedding - Gareth + Melanie - 23rd March 2013 - The Talking Point, Oldham

#### 'Well how to start!

We contacted Hannah only 3 weeks before our wedding on the 23/03/2013. From the very first minute of speaking to her we knew that we would be privileged to have her conducting our Humanist service. What a lovely, warm and caring lady she is. With not very much time to organise the whole service and scripts, vows, plans etc, Hannah worked so hard to produce an outstanding bespoke script for the wedding, the communication was amazing and within the very short timescale produced a final script that fitted perfectly with our ideas of how our wedding should be. We couldn't have asked for more. We met Hannah three days before the wedding, her enthusiasm and joy in the work she does was evident from the start, we felt we had known her for years not just from many emails winging back and forwards over the airwaves! Not once were any of our suggestions rejected, just accommodated, and Hannah also gave us many ideas of which we hadn't thought of or even known about. The Humanist ethos fitted exactly with what myself and my wife feel also.

To put the tin hat on it the weather on the day was severe to say the least but undaunted by this, Hannah and her husband WALKED the nine or ten miles from her home over the moors to the Talking Point venue high above the valleys of Saddleworth to make sure she was there on our special day. Amazing! Hannah walked us through the whole ceremony which made us feel so comfortable and the hand-fasting was a wonderful experience.

We would certainly recommend Hannah to anyone thinking of a Humanist ceremony of any type. It was a pleasure to work with her. The whole service was an uplifting and emotional experience and we definitely would not have had such a wonderful day without Hannah's help and support.

Once again thank you so much for everything Hannah. Love, Gareth and Melanie'

### Naming - Jenson - 17th March 2013 - Bestwood, Nottingham

'I just wanted to email and say thank you so much for everything you did to make Jenson's Naming Day such a success. We have had such positive feedback from everyone who shared the afternoon with us and I have to say it was perfect for us!

The naming ceremony itself was so personal and worded beautifully and I can't thank you enough for how you calmed me down on the day! All the guests commented on what a lovely person you were and I couldn't agree more.

Thanks again for such a wonderful experience. We really feel proud of what was created for Jenson that afternoon and the memories will be treasured forever.

Best wíshes, Suzy § Jay

## Wedding - Mai + Martyn - 16th March 2013 - Kelham Island Museum, Sheffield

'Choosing a Humanist ceremony was the first step in creating our perfect day. Choosing Hannah to be our Humanist Celebrant – the icing on the cake!

From start to finish, Hannah was absolutely charming and really tapped in on the 'feel' we were hoping to achieve. Her beautiful drafts were spot on to begin with, and little tweaks along the way only added to the fantastically emotional and fitting ceremony that she expertly word-smithed. There wasn't a dry eye in the house we hear.

Both myself and Martyn were blown away at how different and gorgeous our wedding was and summed up exactly how we felt about each other. Every one of our guests loved the experience and it was so nice for them to be able to contribute too, to make this a truly personal celebration.

Hannah also really helped soothe any nerves we had by giving us a call the day before the wedding and really appreciated her sending supportive texts to me in my hour of need! Her words of wisdom on my fear of blubbing at the first few words truly were worth their weight in gold – I managed to speak!

We're now hoping that we'll be lucky enough to see Hannah again for a naming day! :)) Thank you so very much for making it a day to remember. XXX' Mai and Martyn

### Naming - Pippa - 20th January 2013 - Tatton Park, Cheshire

'Píppa's naming day was exactly how we wanted it to be.

It was a lovely, personalised naming ceremony which allowed us to celebrate Pippa with close friends and family. We wanted a ceremony that everyone could be involved in and enjoy no matter what their background or beliefs.

The humanist naming ceremony allowed us and Pippa's guide parents to make promises to her that were both individual and special. Hannah guided and supported us throughout the whole process and delivered a very touching ceremony.

We couldn't have been happier with our choice of Celebrant. Thank you so much. Sarah, Rob and Pippa'

# Wedding - Nicky + Stu – 12th January 2013 – The Priest House Hotel, Castle Donnington

'Thank you for all your care and attention. You are amazing! Everyone loved the ceremony. It was unique, moving and beautiful. Hope we can stay in touch. Nicky XX P.s You don't charge enough!!'

#### 2012

## Wedding - Anoob + Deborah - 29th December 2012 - Victoria Hall, Saltaire

'We wanted to take a moment or two to contact you and say a heartfelt thanks for your warmth, humour and patience in guiding us through creating our own personal wedding ceremony and vows.

We were delighted, moved and inspired by what you crafted from our words and on the day the whole experience of hearing and speaking them was profoundly meaningful and joyful.

So many of our guests spoke to us about how much they loved the humanist ceremony and how many of them had shed a tear...which was in no small part down to you.

Many, many thanks. Love Deb and Anoob. X'

### Wedding - Claire + Kim - 22nd December 2012 - The Waterside Hotel, Didsbury

'I will take more time to write after Christmas, but I just wanted to send you a quick line to thank you.

Employing your services was without a doubt the money best spent on our wedding.

Thank you so much for all your time, effort and enthusiasm for our day. Claire'

### Naming - Emily - 2nd December 2012 - The Mews Hotel, Wakefield

'Hannah created a fantastic naming ceremony for our baby girl that encompassed everything we had wanted.

We felt involved and consulted throughout the whole process. I think what made it so special was how Hannah made it so personal to us, giving us help and suggestions but ultimately allowing us the control. From our initial meeting to the actual day and beyond Hannah made us feel special and important because she really does care and throws herself into the ceremony.

She is friendly and enthusiastic and when we finally decide to get round to tying the knot she will definitely be the first person we contact as we'd only want the best!

Thanks again Hannah. Claire and Paul XX'

## Naming - Rafferty - 25th November 2012 - Oulton Hall Hotel, Leeds

'Hannah made our day perfect. She got to know us and made the naming ceremony very personal. I cannot recommend her enough. Pippa § Rob'

## Naming - Grace - 27th October 2012 - Welburn Village Hall, North Yorkshire

'We had a fantastic day, thank you so much for everything. Soooo many people have told us how much they enjoyed the naming ceremony. I thínk ít was new to a lot of them! It was such a relíef to have you there and know that you knew how to do thíngs 'just ríght'. Our very best wíshes,

Kate, Dave and Grace X'

### Wedding - Emma + Paul - 6th October 2012 - Hotel Maiyango, Leicester

#### 'We would like to say a massive THANK YOU!

Saturday was perfect and we couldn't have asked for anything better! Everyone commented on how personal the humanist ceremony was and how it was lovely! Even Paul said that he thought it was nicer than the "actual marriage".

Words really aren't enough to express how much Saturday meant to us! It really was a magical day. Thank you again for everything you did for us, in the ceremony and before in getting everyone organised!

Do you have a website where I can write all brilliant things? Mr  $\underline{S}$  Mrs  $\underline{B}'$ 

# Naming - Red - 30th September 2012 - The Coach House Studios, Wirksworth

'Thanks Hannah. You were great.

A true professional and it was reassuring for me to feel you in control so that Dale and I could be with family and friends. We are exhausted!

It was all we hoped for and more and so many people said it was such a special naming ceremony.

Minnie was marvellous! You were marvellous. Quite happy to give you a reference although they must be stacking up by now!

Love and Light,

Jo, Dale and Red X'

## Wedding - Sian + Chris - 22nd September 2012 - Newton House, Derbyshire

'Thank you so much for such a lovely, personal ceremony – it really was perfect.

we really appreciate the time you took to get to know us and to make the ceremony so personal - it made it very special and the whole ceremony felt very 'us'.

Lots of our friends and family were very touched by the ceremony and your beautiful words – there were definitely a few tears! Thank you too for your professional and calming presence on the day – you certainly helped everything to run smoothly.

It has been a pleasure to meet you and we wouldn't hesítate to recommend you as a Celebrant.' Sían + Chrís

### Wedding - Louise + Toby - 16th September 2012 - Hollin Hall, Stockport

Just over a week in to my marriage and I'm only just sitting down for long enough to be able to reply!

Thank you so much from both of us. I really can't thank you enough. People are still talking about the humanist ceremony. It was the perfect day in every way.

I should be getting my pictures back over the next few days so I'll send you a couple over. Louise XX'

### Wedding - Martin + Beci - 14th September 2012 - Chester Zoo

'Hannah, you were fabulous and everything we wanted. Thank you sooooooo much for being our Celebrant and so lovely. We'll forward on pictures when we get back from honeymoon. Xx' Beci and Martin

'It's been over a year since our wedding and I know that I remember our vows as though they were said 5 minutes ago.

I can't remember the exact words (although I have them written down too, an added bonus that most couples don't get!) but they are the threads which make up our relationship and we live them every day; they summed up exactly what we mean to each other and what we stand for as a couple.

The process you took us through brought back so many memories and it was not only wonderful but helpful to share that with each other after 11 years together. That was down to your careful guidance through what we wanted and then you expertly set the scene on the day.

You even handled everything from the little people and grandparents to the lions and peacocks competing for attention with aplomb and poise!

Thank you so much. Becí'

## Wedding - Natalie + Chris - 8th September 2012 - Penybanc Farm, Carmarthenshire

'We're sat at the airport waiting for our flight to Bali. We just wanted to say thank you so very much for an incredible humanist ceremony.

It was absolutely magical and everyone kept saying all day how much they loved it. Your help and support these past few months has been so wonderful and really paid off on the day.

Thank you for being there to tell our story and guide us through such an emotional, special moment that we'll never forget.

Much love and thanks, Chrís and Natalíe'

# Wedding - Alice + Pete - 1st September 2012 - Sabine Hey, Derbyshire

'Sorry for delay in reply! We've been basking in our marriedness! You did an awesome job so thank you for that!! Thanks again. You've got yours to look forward to now. It's brilliant. Lots of love, Alice and Pete xx'

### Wedding - Alan + Kathy – 24th August 2012 – 'The Endeavour', Whitby

'Wow ! I'll say that again WOW ! What a fab day!! In planning our wedding, we contacted a number of Humanist Celebrants but just didn't get the right feeling from them. From the first time chatting to Hannah on the phone, there was an immediate connection and we knew she was the one who could make our dream day a reality. She said "It's a mad cap idea" and we were "bonkers" but she threw herself into it completely.

We had already hired the venue in Whitby (the Endeavour boat replica) and fingers were firmly crossed for a sunny day. So after many email exchanges between us and a meeting we felt as though we were having our friend conduct our wedding ceremony and very confident she knew just what we wanted, a one-off and very personal ceremony to us.

The big day came and so did the rain! In buckets! A fast contingency plan formed but amazingly the rain stopped just before we were due to board the boat and the sun came out to shine on us all. Hannah conducted our wedding ceremony with readings given by our family, and injected the upbeat, celebration feel that we hoped for. We simply couldn't have asked for more.

We really enjoyed the process of the 'getting to know you' and were delighted with the wedding script which totally reflected our relationship with an appropriate balance between seriousness and lots of laughter. We now kind of miss responding to Hannah's 'getting to know you' emails – some were easy to answer, some make you think, but the result is a truly personal Humanist ceremony that reflects your relationship and personality.

Give her a ring..... it'll be the best call you make!!!!!' Alan and Kathy

#### Naming - Freddie - 19th August 2012 - at home in Manchester

'Just to say a big thank you for making Freddie's naming ceremony a big success - I know a lot of people appreciated that you stayed afterwards to chat. Thanks once again, Richard & Kate'

#### Wedding - Jules + Ric - 17th August 2012 - Pinewood Hotel, Cheshire

'Without you, this day was not possible…without you we'd never have started down this path and I'd have saved £300 hiding blue chairs!

Yet with you we had our best day ever.

With you we had grown men crying, children laughing and a royal guard of honour.

With you, we had a wedding so perfect to everything our family needed that we were relaxed from the moment we all woke up; and so we were able to witness, enjoy and remember every second of our ceremony.

Thank you Hannah, from the bottom of 4 very, very happy hearts. Love, Ríc, Jules, Rose and Lowry'

#### Naming - Emily + Benedict - 12th August 2012 - at home in Leeds

Just a little note to say thank you so much for performing our naming ceremony. Lots of lovely comments. Kirsty & Neil'

# Wedding - Tom + Kirsty – 11th August 2012 – Chadkirk Chapel (deconsecrated), Stockport

'Thanks so much for making yesterday what it was.

Everyone commented on the humanist ceremony, saying how beautiful and personal it was. We were both really pleased with it and had a beautiful day. You made us so relaxed and made the process an easy and enjoyable one.

We wish you all the very best for your wedding and will most certainly recommend you. Many thanks again,

Best wishes, Kirsty and Tom XX'

#### Wedding - Sally + Sean - 5th August 2012 - Whirlowbrook Hall, Sheffield

'Huge, huge, huge thanks for Sunday.

You were amazing and we were 100% over the moon with your work.

You truly made the ceremony ours and we will never be able to thank you enough for everything you did. You are definitely in the perfect job for your talents and we would recommend you to anyone!

Will email when we get home and look forward to talking again.

Love and best wishes till then, S, S § S (their dog/also ring bearer!) Xxx'

## Naming - Billy - 4th August 2012 - Rotherham

'Thank you so much for making Billy's naming ceremony perfect!

It was everything that we hoped it would be, fun, personal and all about Billy and welcoming him to the world.

Throughout the ceremony close friends and family were made to feel involved and special; you really made an effort to 'get to know' us in the preceding weeks and this was apparent during the ceremony. The delivery and content were just perfect. Everyone has since commented on how beautiful the humanist ceremony and day was.

We knew that you were just what we were looking for, after the first conversation; someone enthusiastic, passionate and interesting, oh and patient!!

Thanks for making the naming ceremony everything and more that we hoped it would be.

Ellíe, Tím and Bílly XXX'

## Naming - Vaughan, Laurus + Wylie - 3rd August 2012 - Legh Arms, Macclesfield

'Hannah was the consummate professional in leading the naming ceremony for our three boys.

At every stage of the process, from writing scripts to lighting candles, Hannah made everything easy, fun and comfortable for us as a family.

Our day was truly wonderful and Hannah played a big part in making it so personal. Many of our guests were moved by the humanist ceremony and commented on what an unforgettable experience it was.

Thank you Hannah, what a gift you gave us!' Meredith and Mark

### Naming - Isabelle - 29th July 2012 - Rutland

'Thank YOU so much for making it a very special day. It was everything we had hoped for.

You made a great impression, before, during and after the naming ceremony. We had put lots of thought into the venue and guests etc, and it was lovely to see that it was all worthwhile. The ceremony itself was by far the best bit of the day.

Everyone couldn't stop talking about it afterwards!

Thank you once again,

Pru (and Gavin and Isabelle) x'

### Wedding - Rhea + Doug - 28th July 2012 - Nether Burrows Farm, Derbyshire

'I hope we both showed our gratitude to you on the day, but I'd just like to reiterate how much we appreciate the time and thought you put into preparing the script, and the professionalism and warmth with which you conducted the humanist ceremony.

We had so many lovely comments from our guests about the ceremony. It had such a personal touch that people assumed you knew us well or that we had written it ourselves.

Thank you agaín, Rhea and Doug'

## Wedding - Ruth + Jon - 21st July 2012 - in the woods of Scraptoft Hill Farm, Leicester

'Hannah, we just wanted to say a huge thank you for creating an amazing wedding ceremony. The ceremony was so personal and perfectly captured who we are and what marriage means to us.

It was such a relief to find someone who could convey romance and love without, as we put it, "the cheese factor". Throughout the whole process you made us feel like we had your undivided attention and were very patient with our last minute approach!

We had such positive feedback from our guests, some who have been to humanist wedding and some who had never heard of them. They all said how fantastic the ceremony was, and how refreshing it was to feel part of the ceremony.

Thanks again, it was a wonderful ceremony. Ruth & Jon'

#### Naming - Rohen – 1st July 2012 – The King Power Stadium, Leicester

'Thank you so much for being a part of Rohen's special day!! Everyone commented on how wonderful the naming ceremony was. We really enjoyed the day. Thank you, Natalie, Chris, Eva and Ro-Ro X'

### Wedding - Helen + Pierre - 30th June 2012 - Lower Damgate Farm, Derbyshire

'Thank you for your calming influence and beautifully written words. It was an emotional and deeply personal experience for us and our family and friends. Lots of guests have said they would now consider a similar ceremony so there can be no bigger compliment! Helen ξ Pierre xx'

### Naming - Evan - 24th June 2012 - Mosborough, Sheffield \*

'Thank you for a fantastic day.

Absolutely everyone said how heart-warming and personal the naming ceremony was. They all thought it was the best naming they'd been to, and far better than a Christening. Most people even thought you were a friend because you were so natural.

For Dean and myself it was just an amazing experience, far better than we could have hoped for. I'll definitely be back in touch when we get round to baby Number 2.

Thanks again for making yesterday so very special, Cheryl, Dean and Evan XXX'

### Wedding - Danielle + Jay - 23rd June 2012 - at the family home in Howden, East Yorks

'Thank you so much for such an intelligent, very personalised and emotional ceremony. It was truly wonderful how you made each and every one of us feel such a special part of it.

I thínk for me amongst all the praíse and wonderful comments from all present the most telling surely must be from Marc, our sixteen year old son, who was so moved and touched by it all. He said 'I am absolutely definitely having a humanist Celebrant to do my own wedding. I wish I could have Hannah.' A lot of mouths dropped and eyebrows raised as he is yet to find himself a girlfriend let alone one willing to marry him!

So Hannah for so inspiring and motivating my son, which takes some doing, and for your professionalism and warmth and wonderful care of us all on the big day a HUGE "Thank You".

P.S I couldn't believe how the one thing we all most dreaded (raining during the open air ceremony) thanks to you handling it with complete and utter professionalism and flair, we all felt it actually enhanced the whole thing it was actually quite delightful and just so funny and British.

We will be laughing and smiling about that for a long, long time.' Debbie X (Danielle's mum)

### Naming - Stanley - 17th June 2012 - at home in Ockbrook, Derby \*

'Thank you so much Hannah for making our day so perfect. It was just what we had hoped for and so much more personal than a christening would have been. Lots of people have commented on how lovely it was.

It would be a pleasure to send you a testimonial and some pics. I'll get something to you shortly.

Thanks so much again. Lots of love, Nicola & Simon XXXXX'

### Wedding - Amy + Eric - 8th June 2012 - Goldsborough Hall, North Yorkshire

'Oh Hannah, that was the best day of our life and it started with the most incredible humanist ceremony.

I must say that even though we had already read the script, we were blown away with how it felt to actually do the ceremony and the reaction it provoked in our friends and families. Everyone after talked about how emotional, personal and 'us' the ceremony was. And no one even enquired about the legality – it was the perfect way for us to get married.

So thank you thank you - you were the best decision we made regarding how we wanted our wedding day to be.

Big hugs, The G-P couple ;)' *Email from Amy and Eric* 

'You are a true star! You should hear the feedback re the ceremony, it is outstanding.

We all agree that the decision to go with a humanist ceremony was absolutely correct, the decision to go with Hannah W-G was a stroke of genius.

You are such a warm, humorous and sincere Celebrant with an abundance of social skills who could not have failed to have had us crying, laughing and profoundly moved throughout the whole event. My first words to Don after the ceremony were, "I want her for my funeral!" Not that you'll have a body to deal with (that's going to science), but my remaining essence will feel content having you round off my life with your excellent narration.

On a more political/religious/social science point I think you will have made a lot of people think about the humanist perspective and perhaps provoke some debate, possibly even a change of view. But returning to ASE's wedding you welded together such a potent mix of joy and sincerity that everyone felt that they were part of something quite special. Many people said they had never experienced such a wonderful ceremony (including their own weddings).

With such a fantastic beginning the day just went from one fabulous thing to another. Amy and Eric in particular, but also all who were present (even the string quartet were crying!) want to say an enormous thank you for the best researched and most touching humanist ceremony possible.

Thank you from the bottom/middle/top of my heart.

Rosíe X

PS With Polly Toynbee as the president of the British Humanist Association, I've been meaning to join for a while, after Friday I'm definitely going to do it.' *Message from Amy's mum, Rosie.* 

# Wedding - Jane + Russ - 2nd June 2012 - at home in Macclesfield

'Our wedding day was so special because of you.

You eloquently and sincerely portrayed our feelings, relationship and love for each other. Because of you the ceremony was perfect in every way.

We cannot thank you enough,

Jane and Russ xx'

# Wedding - Stuart + Matilda - 5th May 2012 - Rutland

'We just wanted to say a big thank you for the wonderful job you did with our ceremony.

We were so happy with how it all went and that was largely down to you. We were delighted with how it all turned out and had lots of comments from our friends and family about how lovely and personal the ceremony was.

You made us both feel very much at ease which allowed us to enjoy it all the more and I know that Stu was very appreciative of your help before the ceremony as he was very nervous and he told me that you were great at helping with our guests and getting everyone to the marquee.

All your lovely emails beforehand really helped us to enjoy the build up to the day and really made our ceremony feel like it had our voices behind it.

We are so pleased that we managed to find such a thoughtful, helpful, kind and professional person to help us make our vows on such an important day. We can't thank you enough for helping make our day as special as it was-it was perfect and we couldn't be happier.

stuart & Matílda'

### Wedding - CJ + Graham - 21st April 2012 - Lavenham, Suffolk

### 'Awww! I just read it!

Am now crying with the boiler repair man wondering what on earth is wrong with me. It's beautiful and spot on. I don't want to change any of it!

Thank you so much. I can't wait to share this ceremony with everyone.

I feel like I want to contact everyone in advance to make sure they really listen on the day!

Those words beat everything. It's the best bit of the wedding by a mile.' *Text from bride CJ on receiving the first draft of their wedding script*.

'When we started our search for a humanist Celebrant we knew exactly what we wanted: someone who could make our ceremony personal to us with the right amount of fun and celebration mixed in with the serious bits! We quickly realised that that combination wasn't the norm (although you'd expect it to be).

Thank goodness we found Hannah's website! Within 3 emails we knew we had to have her! She had such a lovely way with words and a great sense of humour to top it all off! We felt instantly comfortable; it was like emailing a friend.

When we met Hannah for the first time we left our meeting really excited. We were buzzing the whole way home, chatting about how pleased we were to have been lucky enough to find such a brilliant person to be part (quite a big part) of our day. Helping Hannah with the details she needed to write the ceremony was really fun...I don't want to give too much away to potential brides and grooms because it really was a lovely process that we both enjoyed.

On the day we were completely blown away. The humanist ceremony Hannah had created for us was perfect. She had 140 people laughing and crying in the all the right places and as far as Graham and I are concerned, we will never be able to recreate such an amazing 30 minutes!

After the ceremony Hannah stuck around to talk to our guests and she made a big impression.

We have had so many lovely compliments on the ceremony and specifically Hannah. Lots of our friends assumed we had known her for years. Strangely, we feel like have!

I can't speak highly enough of Hannah and the personal service she offers. It's totally unique and brilliant and although I don't want to share her I do think that everyone should meet her while considering what sort of ceremony to have, regardless of the event...I know that if Graham and I have children she will be our first port of call for the naming ceremony! Thank you, thank you, thank you Hannah for everything! You're ace! Mrs A (he he!!) xxxx.' *Message from CJ and Graham* 

'THANK YOU so much for everything. You really made our day. The ceremony was incredible and one of the biggest highlights of the day. It was so well written and delivered and so personal. I can't believe that some people just have a Registry Office! Bonkers! Keep in touch. Lots of love, CJ & Graham XXXX' *Thank you card* 

## Naming - Scarlett + Jacob - 15th April 2012 - at home, North Yorkshire

'Thank you for the wonderful naming ceremony. We had a wonderful day. It far surpassed our expectations, Alexandra, Scarlett, Jacob + Cameron'

'Thank you for a lovely naming ceremony, it felt really special.' Stacy and Tim (guide-parents to Scarlett and Jacob)

## Naming - Martha - 1st April 2012 - Peak Edge Hotel, Chesterfield

'Wow! What a wonderful day we all had.

The thought provoking questions from Hannah gave her the answers to write the most incredibly personalised naming ceremony for Martha: Martha's traits, our hopes for her, what she meant to our family, how she'd changed us all.

We enjoyed readings that I'd selected myself and the 'Little Twinkles' were able to sing Martha's favourite song at the start of the service. Certainly a highlight for me! Hannah created a wonderful poem for Martha's brother to read. We only passed on words given to us by the boys – and there it was! Hannah had promises from all the guide parents, all individual to them. These meant a lot to all of us.

She was a complete professional from start to finish. I truly knew we were in safe hands. Hannah was at the venue with plenty of time to chat to those doing the readings, and to make sure the room set up was as it should have been.

It was a wonderful experience. We would love to do it all again!!!

We would highly recommend Hannah to all our family and friends.' Tammy and Jonathan

### Wedding - Paul + Saskia – 31st March 2012 – a tipi in Warwickshire

Just wanted to say how happy we were with everything you did for us. We loved the ceremony so much and many of our friends loved it so much they are considering humanist ceremonies themselves (we will of course forward through your details). Be in touch when we are back, Paul and Saskia x' *Email from Paul and Saskia, newlyweds on honeymoon*.

### Naming - Evie + Olivia - 15th January 2012 - Peterborough

'Our little girls' naming ceremony was amazing and that was all thanks to Hannah. From the very beginning she made it so special for us as a whole family. Thinking of the script she made still makes me cry now.

It had every one of our guests feeling emotional afterwards and I still get compliments to this day on what a lovely day it was even if they had never heard of a naming ceremony before. My cousin told me that now she wants one for her children.

But Hannah's service went much further than just the ceremony. She stayed behind and spoke to our guests which was lovely of her and even though it was the very first time we had actually met her me and my fiancé felt we already knew her because she is such a warm welcoming person. We loved her so much we spoke about her performing our wedding.

We would recommend her to anyone that wants their day to be extra special. Hannah gives your day that special touch of magic to make fabulous family memories.' Micheala

Just for my part I'd like to say a big thank you.

As I must confess to a bit of apprehension beforehand about the ceremony, but your kind personality and professionalism soon put me at ease and I suspect also everyone else involved.

So once again, a big thank you. Simon' (guide-parent to Olivia)

#### 2011

#### Naming - Ewan - 27th November 2011 - Derbyshire

'Hannah, Ewan's naming ceremony was absolutely fabulous, perfect in every way and exactly what I was looking for.

So many people since have come to me saying how fantastic the day was, so personal (and were emotional still) and are thinking of having similar for their child, etc. There

are not many "jobs" in life that bring total pleasure to people and touch their hearts and minds. I love it and I really loved that day.

Ewan's tree is blossoming nicely in the back garden. Reading through the book afterwards took several attempts, blinking through the tears as you can imagine. What people put really touched me and inspired me to continue.

It has definitely made me stronger and I'm so excited about the next chapter. Lindsey'

#### Naming - Skye + Summer - 11th November 2011 - Southwell, Nottinghamshire

'What amazing memories we have of our naming ceremony and our time in England. Thank you so much. It was incredible. Matt and Dwayne'

### Naming - Leo + Amelie - 10th September 2011 - Fletton, Peterborough

'Thank you very much for a great naming ceremony, it had everything that we wanted. Everyone enjoyed the day and all said that it was a nicely put together, personalised service. Teresa mentioned that you put in an awful lot of effort for Luca's ceremony and that is why we selected you for Amelie's special day – I'm so glad we did. Natalie and Andrew'

## Wedding - April + Matt - 6th August 2011 - at the family home

'We chose Hannah to be our humanist Celebrant as she was very enthusiastic, kind and personable. We instantly clicked.

Hannah listened to our views regarding the kind of wedding ceremony that we wanted and produced a lovely script that exceeded our expectations. Throughout the whole wedding planning process, she was very supportive and always willing to give an opinion when we needed one!

We would recommend her wholeheartedly to any couple considering a humanist wedding ceremony.'

Apríl and Matt

## Wedding - Alistair + Sarah - 2nd July 2011 - on a farm, Uppingham

'We knew 10 minutes after meeting you that you would be the perfect person to work with us to make our wedding the day we had dreamed of.

We did meet other people but didn't get the same wonderful feeling that we got when we sat down and got to know each other. Thank you so much for what díd before and on the bíg day. You made the occasion emotional, meaningful and happy. We will never forget it. Alístaír'

### Naming - Jack - 25th June 2011 - West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire

'We are left feeling a little sad as our special day is now over, but that is only testament to the fantastic job you did.

It was such an emotional day and the humanist naming ceremony was everything and more we wanted for our little boy Jack, all those months ago when we first contacted you. We wanted to opt for a naming ceremony not only for the obvious religious reasons but also so it would be a truly personal day dedicated to Jack.

We're not sure if every humanist ceremony is conducted the way you approached it, but we cannot thank you enough for all your efforts in gathering the information you needed to get a real feel for us as a couple and our family life. It made for a really lovely day and our sadness is solely because it's all over!!!

It was a pleasure to meet you and we're so grateful for the fantastic job you did to mark our son's birth.'

Lísa and Barry

'It was lovely to meet you yesterday. Thanks for your help with the promises. The naming day went extremely well and was very emotional. You did a fantastic job! Serena' (guide-parent to Jack)

## Wedding - Liz + Chris - 2nd June 2011 - Granchester meadows, Cambridge

'Thank you so much for being our Celebrant. It was perfect and we don't think we could have found a better person. You really understood what we were looking for and delivered it perfectly. Thank you very, very much. Líz'

'As soon as Hannah picked up the phone I knew she was the Celebrant for us.

Warm, funny, interested and open to our own ideas and suggestions, she immediately understood what we wanted from our ceremony and did a perfect job of realising it on the day.

With Hannah's guidance we were able to create a ceremony that had true meaning and was completely unique to us.' Liz and Chris

### Naming - Luca - 29th May 2011 - Ashton

'My partner and I wanted to do something really special and welcome our son Luca into this world as he has brought us such love and joy. Neither of us are big believers in God and we never go to church so we felt uncomfortable having a Christening.

That's when I started looking into Naming Days and I am so happy I did. I emailed Hannah and she talked me through every step, making it very easy and stress free.

The day went so smoothly (even though I had come down with a sickness bug the night before). Hannah took care of me and put my mind at ease that I could sit back and relax. Everyone said how beautiful and personal it was.

I really loved how the Guide Parents worked alongside Hannah and came up with their own promises to Luca along with our own. Very touching and memorable that some of our friends are now booking Hannah in for their own namings. Teresa & Jay'

'We found you to be a warm, friendly, professional and very interesting person...and you are so good at your job! We would love to recommend you to friends and clients so please send us cards if you want to.

Marcus and John' (Guests)

## Wedding - Kay + Andy - 7th May 2011 - Chimes Café, Ashbourne

'What an amazing ceremony, everybody has in some words commented in our guest book how it moved them in all some way.

You were amazing, so professional and perfect with your words, even with my beautiful niece dancing behind you at times.

We cannot thank you enough for making our day with our family and friends perfect. Kay'

'I know Kay has already emailed our thanks but I just also wanted to say thank you. The script was fantastic and incredibly emotional, everyone really loved it but no one more than Kay and I. Thank you also for reassuring me before the ceremony. It really helped. Andy'

Both Andy and myself were looking for a ceremony that captured the emotions of our family and friends, something that was unique to US and portrayed a sense of what we are about. Neither of us are religious and felt it would be inappropriate for our service to have that involvement, we were also certain that our blessing needed to be in a setting that was emotionally attached to us both.

Our search began with researching Celebrants and humanism, something that Andy had already taken an interest in some years ago and this search led us to Hannah. After previous phone calls to other Celebrants in which I did not really connect with, I rang Hannah and immediately I felt inspired, motivated and assured that our ceremony meant as much to Hannah as it did us.

What was most important to us is that we wanted guidance and support to help make our day what we had always wanted, our story, the journey we had travelled along together regardless of the pain that at times we endured and Hannah was able to capture this in true spirit.

One of the most special things for us was the involvement and parts our family and friends played in all of this and how important Hannah made them feel. How many people can say that the opening line to their wedding ceremony was that of how their best friend was who we had to thank for Andy and I falling in love?

It was the little things like this that helped tell the story and throughout the planning process with Hannah made us realise what it was that we loved so much about each other, but sometimes just forget to say.

Hannah fulfilled every expectation that we had had, even more and the day itself was 'perfect'. Even with the heavy rain after heavy rain, I knew that by 4pm it would stop, and it did.'

Kay and Andy

# Wedding - Nikki + Doug - 30th April 2011 - Glyfada, Greece

'We loved the ceremony and loads of our guests have commented on how much they enjoyed it. Nikki and Doug'

## Naming - Jacob - 26th March, 2011 - Twycross Zoo, Leicestershire

'Even before our son Jacob was born we decided a christening wasn't really for us, neither of us were particularly religious and we didn't fancy sharing such a special day with total strangers and other children getting christened.

We researched other ideas and came across Humanist Naming Ceremonies. They sounded ideal, we wanted something that we could make our day and personalise it for our family.

The next task was to find someone to conduct the ceremony, so I went on the internet and found the BHA and there was a list of Celebrants. After initially emailing a handful of Celebrants, Hannah really caught my eye. Her first email was really friendly and so then we arranged to meet her. From the first meeting we both felt comfortable talking to her and felt that she really "got us" as a family.

Over the next few weeks Hannah sent us emails about the script what we wanted in it and generally found out more information about us all. About 2 weeks before the big day we got to see the final script and it was amazing, it bought a tear to our eyes just reading through it! We had both of our mums read a small poem during the ceremony and we had 4 Guardians who all read promises to Jacob as well as myself and Andrew.

Hannah really encompassed the spirit of the day and made it funny when needed especially when Jacob was talking over her! At the end of the naming ceremony Andrew and I read poems and did thank yous, and then out of the blue he proposed to me! Hannah got straight back into her duties, and proposed a toast.

She really brought the day together in a way that we couldn't of imagined. Some of the more traditional family members were very impressed with it all too despite their reservations at first.

Thank you Hannah for such a special day that we will never forget!' Andrew and Katie

'We want to say a very big, big thank you for the amazing day we had on Saturday! The script was beautiful and it was better than we could of dreamed! We had so many people say how lovely it really was. Thank you for making it so special! Love from Andrew, Katie & Jacob XXXXX' *Thank you card* 

'Thank you for a beautiful naming ceremony. We enjoyed it very much. It was a pleasure to meet you. You are a lovely lady. Dee' *Note from Katie's mum* 

#### <u>2010</u>

#### Naming - Milo - 31st October 2010 - Coventry

'We decided we wanted to welcome of son into the world – to celebrate his safe arrival, how much we love him and him being a massive part of our family. A day that he could look back upon when he is older.

It was a choice of ours to have a Naming Day, rather than a Christening or Baptism, as entering into a religion is not something that we feel that should be done for you.

We spent a long while searching for alternatives and found Hannah's details on a Humanist website as a Celebrant in our area. I contacted Hannah to ask if she could help and she could. We spoke and I explained what we would like and was delighted when Hannah told me how her ceremonies work. We answered Hannah's questions about us, our son, our love, our families, our values and lives together. Hannah turned the answers we gave into a beautiful script for our naming ceremony. When we read it – it made us cry! Hannah was a great help with suggesting ideas for reading too.

On the day, Hannah was fantastic, the ceremony couldn't have been any better. Everyone had an amazing day!

Thank you Hannah for your ídeas, guídance and support on the day and before.' Fran and Adí

## Naming - Aidan - 16th October 2010 - Thrussington, Leicestershire

'Thank you very much for today. People have just left the house and the quiet is so amazing you could almost touch it! Thanks again, lots of lovely comments from everyone. Heidi § Dan'

# Naming - Harvey + Rosa - 11th September 2010 - Ryton Organic Gardens

'We just wanted to say a huge thank you to you...

Your professionalism, good humour and warm, intuitive manner with people meant our family celebration and naming ceremony was the perfect day we'd hoped for. Everyone said how much they enjoyed it and how well they thought you'd delivered it. We will certainly, and always, recommend you without reservation.' Kate

'We had a strong vision for the naming ceremony of our children, and from the moment we met her, we knew that Hannah would help to shape and nurture this vision. Her warmth, intelligence and wit made us feel like we'd known her for years, and more importantly that she knew, and cared for us as a family.

Her collecting of all the stories, poems, readings, songs and thoughts of an extended group of family and friends and then the writing of the ceremony itself was all perfectly executed and everyone was happy to share with Hannah, even my Dad, who said she was so friendly and funny to speak to.

The naming ceremony itself, in beautiful organic gardens, was exquisitely delivered by Hannah; she put everyone at ease and again made us feel special and loved. She even brought the sunshine! Everyone commented on how perfect it was, and so much more than we ever could have hoped for.

We enjoyed our time with Hannah so much during the process leading up to the ceremony and the ceremony itself that we missed her when it was all over!! If anyone is looking for

a humanist Celebrant I would recommend Hannah with a passion...and we would have her again in a heartbeat.

Thank you Hannah, for our perfect day.' Kate and Simon

### Naming - Archie - 8th August, 2010 - Mansfield \*

'We decided to have a naming ceremony over other services as we really wanted a personal touch. We wanted to share the birth of our baby with all our friends and family members in a relaxed and happy environment.

After much thought we decided on a garden party and worked with Hannah to create a bespoke day especially for us. The sun shone brightly and the atmosphere was joyful with everyone chatting and eager to see what the day would bring.

Hannah spent time explaining the service and spoke about our personal wishes and feeling for our son, something that was so far from the impersonal approach in a christening service. Several family members wrote their own readings and these were worked into our service along with personal vows from us to our son.

The service was full of laughter, fun and tears of joy along with serious commitments from friends to guide and support our son through life.

Our friends and family talk about our special day constantly and many friends have thanked us for the inspiration to consider naming ceremonies in their lives. I wouldn't hesitate to contact Hannah in the future for any of the services she offers. If you want a unique, personal and special day for your child then without a doubt you should consider a naming ceremony.

Thank you Hannah for everything you did for us and our family." Victoria and Richard

## Wedding - Ami + Dan - 17th July 2010 - near their home, Uppingham

'What an amazing time and wedding.

Everyone said the best they had been to and how real and honest the ceremony was thanks to you. All were suitably impressed.

Thank you Hannah. You díd a fab, great job- more us than we intended and more beautiful than we could have dreamt of.

It was so thoughtful and made most people cry."

Amí

'Thank you, Hannah. It was an amazing day for us and you played a big part in making it so.' Dan