

# Traditional English Wedding Ceremonies in Today

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**Annotation.** In this scientific work, we will talk about the process of starting and carrying out the English wedding ceremony, the good customs in it and the process today.

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According to sources, traditional English weddings are often held after two people - the bride and groom - propose marriage. In their custom, the man proposes marriage to the woman. They often kneel down in front of the girl and ask her "will you marry me?" And if the girl agrees, she will receive a wedding ring as a future bride.

In a wedding ceremony in Great Britain, the man wears the ring on the third finger of the woman's left hand. The last day of a leap year (29) is considered ideal for a marriage proposal.

On the wedding day, in addition to the bride and groom, many other people take center stage. The "ring bearer" - the person who carries the wedding ring - is usually a young boy. The wedding planners organize the wedding. A close relative or friend of the groom will be a groomsman who will help the groom.

Invitations are sent before the wedding. Guests who receive this invitation must attend both the wedding and the wedding reception. But invitations to the party may be limited. When the guests arrive at the venue, special people hand over the appropriate leaflets, flowers, etc. to the guests and show them to their seats. The bride and groom table stands at the altar.

The groom stays in the church until the bride arrives with her bride. According to their traditions, brides visit the church in horse-drawn carriages or white cars. The church official brings the wedding ring on a small pillow or plate. The groomsmen escort the grandparents and the bride's parents into the church and then welcome the bride inside the church. After that, two witnesses and an attendant carrying rings, followed by girls holding flowers.

The bride walks down the aisle followed by her father to the sounds of the chosen music. According to tradition, a wedding "march" called "Here comes the bride" is held for this ceremony. The wedding ceremony begins. The ceremony includes the bride and groom taking the marriage vows (traditional religious), exchanging rings, and signing the wedding register. After that, candies consisting of flower petals, birds or rice are scattered towards the bride and groom by the guests.

The newly wed bride then stands facing the altar and throws her bouquet back over her head, only to be caught by someone. Photographs are taken of the couple with their relatives and guests.

In Great Britain, cutting the wedding cake is one of the traditions that has always been an important part of the wedding ceremony. In fact, it is customary for the father of the bride or the father of the groom to cut the first slice for everyone at the wedding. When the cake is cut, the father of the bride or

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groom tells a joke to the couple and everyone present. These words are a way for all fathers to bond with the couple and wish them well at the ceremony for everyone to enjoy.

Cutting the wedding cake is also a wonderful process, so the newlyweds kiss each other and share the cake with guests after this important event.

The newlyweds' first dance is a popular wedding custom in which the bride and groom perform a hearty waltz to "Auld Lang Syne" or dance to their favorite song in front of the guests. Often brides choose which song they will dance to. The British tradition of the first dance of the newlyweds began in the Victorian era.

This tradition is very romantic, where all the participants gather to watch the couple dance. However, this dance is enjoyed not only by the newlyweds, but also by the entire wedding ceremony and all the guests. After some dancing, all the guests are invited to join them. When the music stops, the bride and groom usually stand in the center of the circle surrounded by guests and family members, marking the beginning of the honeymoon.

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