



A GUIDE TO YOUR

wedding



THE HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS
and Almshouse of Noble Poverty



Is St Cross the right venue for us?

Choosing your wedding venue is the first step towards creating your perfect day. We understand how important this is, and we would be delighted to welcome you to the most magical location — St Cross, by the water meadows of the river Itchen, Winchester.

St Cross is one of the oldest Almshouse in the country in continuous use — founded by Henri du Blois, the grandson of William the Conqueror in 1132. It has simply stunning architecture and beautiful grounds both of which make for excellent photography.

Of course the best way to know for sure is to come and see it for yourself. We will be delighted to show you to help you select the best option for you.



EXCLUSIVE
PARTY VENUE



WELL CONNECTED
LOCATION



LICENSED FOR
CEREMONIES



USE OF
MASTER'S GARDEN



EXCELLENT
SUPPLIERS



UP TO
200 GUESTS





THE BASICS



WELL-CONNECTED

Location

Our convenient position in Winchester, the Cathedral city of Hampshire, makes us the perfect location for anyone looking for a countryside venue only 60 miles from London.

Winchester Station is on the fast train to London and Heathrow Airport is easily accessible by road.



VENUE

Budget


Prices start from as little as around £1,000 plus VAT for the use of the church, with additional costs depending upon the reception venue you choose. Please see the price chart enclosed for the year you have selected. This cost is for the use of the location but does not include other costs for example catering, decoration or the entertainment of your guests.



OUR VENUE

Capacity

For a ceremony and a sit-down meal we can house a maximum of 200 guests in a marquee, up to 200 in the Master's Garden or smaller numbers in the Brethren's Hall or the Hundred Men's Hall if preferred.

A romantic close-up photograph of a bride and groom. The groom is on the left, leaning in to kiss the bride on the cheek. The bride is on the right, wearing a white wedding veil and looking down with a smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset with warm orange and yellow light. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

“ I just wanted to send a message on behalf of me and my new husband to say... thank you for the most perfect and stunning wedding venue. We had the best day of our lives and are so delighted we got to celebrate at St Cross. Our guests could not believe how beautiful it was and we feel very blessed by how wonderful the whole day was. ”

Megan and Matt



WAYS TO HIRE



CEREMONY

Church of St Cross

The Church is a large and very beautiful Norman building nearly 900 years old. It has been recently restored and has a strong, serene importance about it that makes it a powerful place to be married. It is licenced for Church of England ceremonies and is in the main courtyard of St Cross. The Master or one of the Priests licensed to the Parish of St Faith will conduct the ceremony. There are other associated costs with a Church of England wedding in addition to the Hospital of St Cross fees. For further queries on this please contact office@parishofstfaith.org



WAYS TO HIRE



DRINKS RECEPTION

The Master's Garden

Why not have drinks and canapés in the stunning gardens before you go to your tables to eat? With room for up to 200 guests they may be used with any of the three dining locations at a small extra cost. A blaze of colour in the summer they are fondly looked after and allow your guests to mix before they sit down.





“ We had the best day in the whole world and a huge part of that was the St Cross team. Thank you so much! ”

Alice and James





PARTY LOCATIONS



DINNER AND DANCING

Hundred Men's Hall

The Hundred Men's Hall, which is currently used as the tearoom, may be hired for smaller weddings outside the summer season.

UP TO **60** GUESTS STANDING
OR **40** SEATED



DINNER AND DANCING

Brethren's Hall

The Brethren's Hall is a beautiful oak-roofed dining room, and an atmospheric drinks or dining location. Perfect for middle-sized weddings all the year round.

UP TO **100** GUESTS STANDING
OR **60-80** SEATED



DINNER AND DANCING

Marquee

You may also have a marquee set up on the Bowling Green. Couples often have drinks after the ceremony in the Master's Garden but move on to the Marquee just next door to be seated for their meal and any dancing.

for larger weddings
UP TO **200** GUESTS



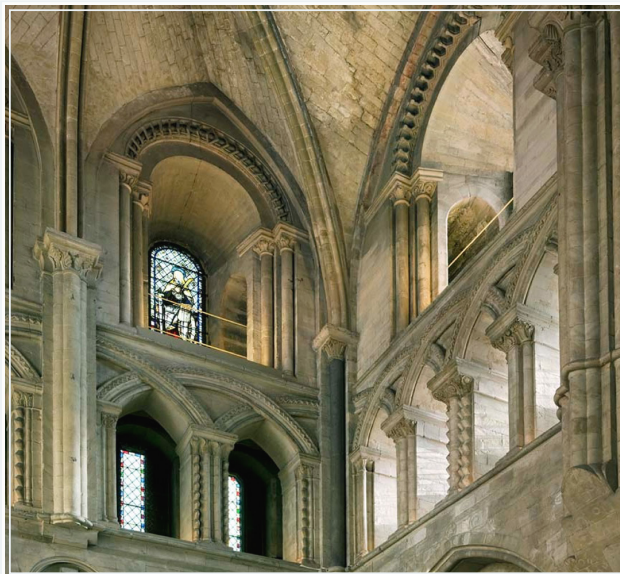
HOW TO BOOK



OUR LATEST

Availability

We know how tricky it can be to work out when to get married. Summer months and Saturdays are always popular but we have found winter months and weekdays are increasingly chosen. Please contact us to discuss availability, or discuss it with us when you come to view.



ARRANGE A

Viewing

It is important to view St Cross to see just how special it is and to decide which of the reception venues would suit you best. We are happy to give you a private viewing when you can discuss your own specific ideas. You may also discuss dates for the occasion and reserve it provisionally then.



HOW TO

Hold a date

Once you have viewed St Cross with our wedding specialist we will be delighted to place a date on provisional hold for you. We can hold a date for 14 days with no obligation. Then, if you would like to go ahead with your special day here, we will ask for a deposit to secure your booking.



PLEASE CONTACT US
TO ARRANGE A VIEWING



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OTHER INFORMATION



LOCATION

Access and Timings

The marquee may be erected 2-3 days before your wedding. So that everything is ready in good time, your suppliers may have access the day before your event to arrange flowers, deliver drinks or other provisions. Please ask us if you have any special requests. Most celebrations finish by 11.00pm out of respect for the Brothers who live there.



ON THE DAY

Parking

In the summer months, between 1st April and 31st October we may arrange parking for you in the Meadows beside St Cross for up to 50 vehicles. Some couples in the past have arranged a vintage coach to transport guests in style from the car parks nearby to St Cross when you anticipate more, or in the winter months when the ground is too wet to permit parking.



WONDERFUL LOCAL

Hotels

For ideas where to stay try viewing this site:
www.thehotelguru.com/en-gb/best-hotels-in/united-kingdom/winchester





MAP OF THE GROUNDS



CEREMONY LOCATION
CHURCH OF ST CROSS



DRINKS RECEPTION
THE MASTER'S GARDEN



DINNER AND DANCING
HUNDRED MEN'S HALL



DINNER AND DANCING
BRETHREN'S HALL



MARQUEE LOCATION
THE BOWLING GREEN



ON THE DAY
PARKING







Frequently Asked Questions

YOUR FOOD AND DRINKS

We are delighted to recommend caterers for the occasion. They will be responsible for serving drinks throughout the wedding day and for the tidy packing of rubbish and bottles for disposal. You are free to provide your own selection of drinks which may be delivered in advance and chilled by the caterers ready for you when you would like them. We ask to meet your caterer in advance so that we may discuss your needs for the day and how this is arranged.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

It is wise to book your choice of photographer for your wedding early. Please ask us if you would like help to source local providers.

YOUR FLOWERS

Church flowers are organised and arranged by our talented, experienced in-house flower Guild team due to the delicate fabric of the church. Reception flowers for your marquee can be done by your chosen florist or by the flower Guild with prior private arrangement.

YOUR MARQUEE

If you select a marquee on the Bowling Green we ask you to arrange what you would like with Marlin Marquees who for archaeological reasons are the sole agreed providers of tents for this location. Do contact them directly or ask for their brochure when you visit us to view the different tent options available.

Marlin Marquees may also provide tables and chairs, cooling equipment for your food and drink, generators, heaters and even toilet arrangements too. Please contact them on **01725 55 11 17** or **info@marlinmarquees.co.uk**

DATES OF PAYMENT

We are happy to hold a date provisionally for you for 14 days. After that we ask for a **non-returnable deposit of 50%**. You will be invited to a wedding briefing at St Cross early in the year that you plan to be married and full payment will be **required one month prior to the wedding date.**

ACCESSIBILITY WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AND DOGS

Both the Church and the grounds have wheelchair access, but the Brethren's Hall has steps leading to it. For more guidance do feel free to ask. We regret no dogs are allowed onto the site (beyond the outer quad) other than formally registered assistance dogs.





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We look forward to seeing you on your special day!

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