





WEDDINGS AT BLACKFRIARS

Blackfriars historic friary provides the perfect backdrop for a special occasion or beautiful wedding. Approved by Newcastle City Council for marriages and civil partnerships you can enjoy both your ceremony and reception in the same place. Imagine a relaxed Champagne reception in the courtyard followed by a delicious meal inside our ornate medieval Banquet Hall. We have it all here and are always delighted to show people around Blackfriars, just make an appointment with one of our staff.

Blackfriars has won a host of awards including Taste of England in the North East England Tourism Awards 2013 and is recommended by the Michelin and Which Good Food Guide. The restaurant was also voted as serving *the Best Sunday Roast in Newcastle* by The Independent'.

Blackfriars has a dedicated wedding coordinator to help you plan and then run your day. They can take care of everything including flowers, musicians, stationery and taxis. However, these all can all be sourced and delivered in advance through your own wedding planner if preferred. The former friary also provides theperfect setting for your drinks reception and photographs in the cloister garden or Banquet Hall.

Wedding bookings will also benefit from the use of our tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery and glassware as well as a cake stand and knife, our in-house sound system and hurricane candle lamps for decoration. Additional items such as white linens can be hired-in though there may be a small charge.

FOOD & DRINK

Blackfriars is known for its hearty traditional British dishes using local seasonal produce; please see our current Banquet Hall menu (3-course, tea/coffee) to get an idea of our award-winning dishes. Our dedicated team of chefs are happy to cater for all dietary requirements, allergies, childrens'/pensioners' portions and fussy eaters! Although most couples opt for one set menu for all, we are happy to offer a three-choice menu if preferred – please ask about our pre-ordering arrangements. We can also accommodate wedding cakes which can be stored, displayed and portioned on the day.

Every wedding at Blackfriars is a unique bespoke event. Some couples just need a simple, cost-effective luncheon, whilst others prefer something more elaborate with Champagne& canapés, an amuse bouche, extra fish/sorbet/cheese and port courses and petit fours. Evening buffet spreads can also be arranged and tailored to your needs, whilst for wine and other drinks we recommend using our current selections for ideas.



OUR LICENCE & ACCESS

Blackfriars Premises allows for drinks to be served outside until 7pm. Live acoustic music works well in our Banquet Hall although amplified musicians and discos are not allowed. We will happily play CD's or iPod playlists of your choice on our in-house sound system (compatibility providing). We can generally serve alcohol until in the Banquet Hall and Restaurant until midnight. We aim to provide access to people of all abilities as far as is practicable and possible; please see our online Access Statement on our website.

CAPACITY & TABLE SETTINGS

Our Banquet Hall can accommodate a maximum of 50 guests for a ceremony and then formal dining on two long communal tables. A top table layout is also possible.

The main Restaurant can accommodate up to 72 guests for dining, comprising of smaller grouped tables throughout the room.

BOOKING & PLANNING

We would be delighted to make bookings as far in advance as required, though please note our prices are only current when published and are be subject to change. We can hold a provisional booking for a few days, then all confirmations need to be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of £500 and signed contract.

You are welcome to start delivering decorations, favours, cakes etc a day or two before your wedding. Prior access to the Banquet Hall will depend on availability; however we will of course endeavour to offer you as much time as possible to decorate the hall for your day.

Blackfriars Meeting Rooms can also be booked if you need additional space for changing or storing items; there may be a small charge. Please note that if you are planning speeches in the Banquet Hall, some noise carries from the business tenants above.

We are members of the sustainable restaurant association and only allow bio-degradable confetti in our gardens. Unfortunately we can't allow fireworks or Chinese lanterns in the restaurant or grounds and as Blackfriars Restaurant is situated in a residential area, out of courtesy, we ask that you remind your guests to leave quietly upon departure.

FINANCES & SMALL PRINT

We will work with you to agree a package that suits your needs and budget and can provide a running total of your costs throughout the planning process. There are generally no hire charges at Blackfriars though minimum spends based on the day of the week you choose to book will apply - please ask for details.

We have a comprehensive wine list but should you wish to bring your own, corkage fees will apply. If a wedding cake is being used as adessert there will be an additional charge. A discretionary 10% service charge added to all food and wine bills; all tips go to the staff.

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