

THE RECTORY

ST PAULS SQUARE
BIRMINGHAM

Room hire charges.

Room hire costs vary between weekday and weekend events and there are different requirements for premium dates such as Bank Holiday weekends and events in the weeks up to Christmas; these are detailed separately.

All our charges are based on events with private bar facilities:

	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Minimum number of guests required	25	75	100*	50
Room hire cost (without taking buffet)	£150	£250	£350	£200
Room hire cost (when a buffet is taken)	Free	Free	£175	Free
Buffet	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional
*Bond (returned after the event providing the minimum number of guests was achieved)	£100	£100	£200	£100

Timing:

Costs shown relate to events of up to 5 hours up to midnight. A bar extension until 1am is an additional £55 if required. Functions over 5 hours in duration are taken entirely at our discretion and incur additional room hire costs of £35 per hour. In addition door security will be required for the entire duration of the event (minimum £35 per hour for every hour). A returnable bond may also be required.

Booking & Payments:

We would require a deposit payment of £100 to secure the room. This payment is non-refundable in the event of cancellation. Full payment is required at least 21 days before the date of the event. If a buffet is taken, this also requires full payment 21 days before the event.

Room hire terms and conditions:

All bookings are taken subject to the terms set out below. In making a booking the hirer confirms understanding and acceptance of all of these terms.

Bookings are only confirmed on payment of the required deposit. Deposits are non-refundable in the event of cancellation. Full payment will be payable at least 21 days before the date of the event. Payment for any buffet is required 21 days before the event.

Bookings will be confirmed by us by email. The published charges and requirements in operation at the time of booking will apply, regardless of any subsequent changes to charges or requirements. A different tariff is published for parties in the weeks up to Christmas.

A bond is taken for Saturday events to ensure that the minimum number of (adult) guests is achieved. Parties failing to achieve the minimum number of guests at any one time during the event will forfeit the bond payment. Otherwise the bond payment shall be returned to the hirer within seven days. The bond can also be withheld should any damage to our premises or property be incurred during the event. The decision of the manager is final in all cases.

The maximum capacity of our two rooms combined is 120 people. This maximum is enforced for licensing requirements and the safety and comfort of guests, we will not allow this maximum to be exceeded. Minimum numbers apply for events on Fridays, Saturdays and other premium days, the minimum number refers to numbers of adult guests. Our private rooms are accessed only via the spiral staircase, the hirer must consider this access restriction before booking. Children are allowed in the function room during an event but not in other areas of The Rectory. Children must be under the constant supervision and control of a parent or guardian. No-one under 18 is permitted to purchase or drink alcohol and no-one can purchase alcohol on their behalf. We operate the Challenge 25 policy, people without recognised proof of age will not be served and may be requested to leave. We do not hold 18th or 21st birthday events, children's birthday parties, events where tickets are sold, events for commercial gain, or events specifically aimed at children. We reserve the right to refuse a booking.

A single event will generally last no longer than 5 hours. Our charges are based on this duration, longer events may be possible in some circumstances but will incur charges. The normal end time of an evening event is midnight. Extensions to this will be at the manager's sole discretion and are subject to additional charges.

Any buffet will be delivered at a pre-arranged time and any food remaining will be removed for disposal after one hour to comply with food safety requirements. No part of the buffet to be taken away for consumption off the premises. Only food provided by The Rectory can be available. The only exception would be for an individual cake such as a birthday or wedding cake. No other cakes, sweets, snacks or other food items can be brought in.

Bookings requiring doorstaff are accepted on the provision that suitable, licenced doorstaff will be available on that date.

If a DJ is used this must be agreed by us at the time of booking. A DJ will require their own equipment, we recommend DJs to get in touch with us before an event to discuss things like access requirements and equipment. The room does have noise limiters, meaning that if the noise levels go above a certain level the power is cut to the music. DJs will need to have up to date electrical safety certificates for all the equipment they intend to bring and show us evidence of this. Equipment such as smoke machines cannot be used under any circumstances. All equipment must be removed at the end of the event and not left overnight. For a simple alternative an iPod or similar device can be used on our system. In any case we need to know what is planned in advance so that the all the technical settings can be done in advance.

No decorations can be attached to the walls, door frames or mirrors at all because of the damage that can be done to those surfaces. No blu-tac, sticky tape or pins can be used. Free-standing balloons and other free standing decorations are allowed. We can't allow the use of any table confetti - this permanently stains the tables when it gets wet. If you need to decorate the room before the party you must agree access times with us beforehand as early access is not always possible. Any decorations or other items left over after the room has been vacated will be disposed of. Damage caused by decorations may result in, although may not be limited to, all or part of a deposit being forfeited.

Frequently asked questions:

What is the capacity of the room?

The capacity of the downstairs rooms is 120. For the safety and comfort of guests, this limit is strictly enforced. Where we specify minimum numbers of guests, this relates to adult guests only.

Do I need to have a buffet?

No but the room hire cost is reduced or waived if a buffet is taken. When a buffet is taken it must be taken for the full number of guests you are expecting as we plan it on a per-person basis.

Are there events that you do not accept?

We don't take bookings for 18th or 21st birthdays, or commercial events where tickets are sold or an entry price charged. We also don't accept bookings for children's events or baby showers.

Can we provide our own outside catering?

No, only buffets provided by us can be taken.

We'll have a big spend on the bar, can this reduce the room hire cost?

Unfortunately not. Our pricing is already based on party events with the bar. We publish our prices in full so there are no hidden costs and do not deviate from the published tariff.

What if the published costs for room hire or buffets change?

Our prices do change from time to time, when you book and pay your deposit you have fixed the price of your event so the price you pay will not increase.

Are children allowed?

Children are permitted in a private function but must be under adult supervision. Where we have our requirement for a minimum number of guests, this only counts adult guests.

What can we do for music?

You can either hire your own DJ, or use an iPod or similar device to plug into our system. A DJ should always contact us beforehand so we can go through any technical requirements with them in advance.

Why are costs higher for Saturday events?

When the rooms aren't used as function rooms, they are used as our main restaurant area on Saturday evening. For us to hire the room for a private event, we have to lose this restaurant trade, so for this to be viable for us, we do need to charge more and have a requirement for a larger minimum number of guests. To help ensure this we do insist on a bond payment being made in addition to regular hire costs. This is returned if it is deemed by the manager that the minimum number of adult guests has been achieved at any single point during the event.

Can I decorate the room?

Yes but not with sticky tape or blu tac as these will damage the walls. You can see examples on our website of how decorating the rooms can be done. If you require early access to the rooms you should arrange this with us in advance.