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St Dionis Church Weddings & Receptions Terms & Conditions

The Licensor: St Dionis Church, Parsons Green

The Client: Is the couple hiring the venue

These terms and conditions shall be binding on any person or organisation (the Client) who enters into an 'Agreement' to hire part of or all of the building at 18A Parsons Green ("the premises") from St Dionis Church, 18A Parsons Green, London, SW6 4UH. Charity number: 1132734 (St Dionis Church).

Bookings

No booking will be treated as confirmed until St Dionis Church has received confirmation of the Client's key booking details (time, date, duration, requirements), agreement to the terms and conditions as set out in this document, a booking deposit has been paid (if required for the proposed wedding reception), and St Dionis Church has sent the Client a written confirmation of the booking. We reserve the right to cancel any hiring at any time in the event of an unavoidable or overriding requirement for the religious use of the building.

Payment is due strictly within 28 days of final invoice. Late payment may result in restrictions to future use of our facilities. All payments should be made by bank transfer unless approved by St Dionis Church. Please include the booking reference number when making your payment.

St Dionis Church reserves the right to refuse Clients the use of part or all of the premises at its absolute discretion. St Dionis Church is part of the Church of England. The discretion to refuse applications to use the premises includes (but is not limited to) discretion to refuse applications considered to be at odds with the genuine religious belief that is central to the organisation's purpose and function. The Client shall not assign the Agreement to any other party without the prior written agreement of St Dionis Church.

In the event of the premises not being vacated by the time specified in the Booking Confirmation, the Client will be liable to pay a surcharge for each half hour or part thereof during which the occupation of the premises by the Client continues. This will also include the hourly rate of any staff that are required (determined at the sole discretion of the Licensor).

In the event of the premises not being vacated by the time specified in the Booking Confirmation, the Client will also be liable to St Dionis Church for any losses sustained by them as a result (for example, but not limited to, losses occasioned by any a subsequent booking of the premises being jeopardised by the Client's failure to vacate the premises).

St Dionis Church reserves the right to cancel any Agreement without notice and without liability, legal or otherwise, to the Client or any person affected thereby in the event of: war; riot; state of emergency; civil unrest; where any member of the public is at risk (or thought to be at risk); strike (official or otherwise); act of God; failure of electricity, gas or other power supply however caused; or for any reason whatsoever outside the control of St Dionis Church. In the event of such a cancellation, any monies deposited with St Dionis Church by the Client in respect of the Agreement, shall be refunded in full to the Client, at St Dionis Church's earliest convenience.

Safeguarding Policy

The safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk is an important part of all Church activities. The Client is required to read and acknowledge acceptance of our Safeguarding Policy found here: <https://www.stdionis.org.uk/page/safeguarding/> by signing these terms and conditions.

The Client will at all times act in a manner commensurate to the principles of the safeguarding objectives of the Diocese of London.

The Client will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the physical and mental health of all persons on site in conjunction with their booking will be protected.

Access to building

There is no entitlement to access all or part of the building or equipment outside the hiring period.

The grant of permission of access at any time is at the absolute discretion of St Dionis Church. The Client must only use the parts of the building agreed in the Booking Confirmation; use of additional areas outside the hiring agreement will result in additional fees, and potentially any subsequent bookings of the premises being jeopardised. The Client must ensure that the hired areas are vacated at end of the hiring period; failure to do so may result in additional fees.

The Client must pre-arrange and organise any site visits or contractors' arrival/pick-up times with the Administrative Operator.



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Use of building

The premises shall be used only for the purposes set out in the Booking Confirmation which has been approved by St Dionis Church.

The preservation of proper order both inside, and outside of the premises shall be the responsibility of the Client. As a church, “proper order” includes maintaining behaviour that is consistent with our Christian ethos.

The use of the building must be appropriate and compatible with its consecration as a place of worship. No dangerous or harmful activity shall be permitted. Explosives, toxic, hazardous, odorous, or flammable substances shall not be brought onto or used in the building. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the St Dionis Church building or on the premises. This includes the use of simulated smoking products popularly known as “vaping” or “e-cigarettes.”

The Client will not engage in behaviour or activity, either in person, or in social media engagements, which are contrary to the values, mission or purpose of the site as a place of Christian worship or ethics.

The Client is responsible for their guests’ behaviour for the duration of the hiring period. St Dionis staff will not tolerate any drunken, bad or abusive behaviour. St Dionis staff reserve the right to insist any member of the refreshments/reception guest list leave immediately on their say so.

The Client shall not be granted exclusive use of the whole premises unless the Client and St Dionis Church explicitly agree to the contrary. The Client shall be permitted to use only those parts of the premises specified in the Booking Confirmation which has been approved by St Dionis Church.

The Client shall keep the part of the premises being used in a neat and tidy condition during their use and will return it to the condition in which they found it. The Client shall be responsible for any damage caused by or arising out of their occupancy of the premises to the fabric; fixtures or fittings; and any property otherwise contained within the premises. St Dionis Church reserves the right to make good any damage at the Client’s expense. St Dionis Church reserves the right, during the period between any such damage occurring and it being made good, to hire or otherwise obtain reasonable alternative facilities (including but not limited to hire of furniture, equipment, premises, and staff to facilitate use of these) to enable St Dionis Church undertakings and fulfilment of its obligations under contract or otherwise to continue until the damage is made good, at the Client’s expense. The Client hereby undertakes to ensure that all responsibilities as discussed with the St Dionis Church Facilities Team are fully discharged. Some exceptional bookings may require a separate damage deposit.

The Client shall be responsible for ensuring persons for whom permission to use the equipment are appropriately trained and where necessary that they hold appropriate qualifications for the tasks and operations concerned. The Client shall prevent all persons other than anyone authorised by St Dionis Church from operating or using any appliances, equipment, machinery or other fixtures and fittings on the premises. Liability or any loss, injury or damage arising from any incident involving the equipment shall rest with the Client.

Any signs or notices inside or outside the premises, extra fittings, decorations or props must be agreed by the St Dionis church Administrative Operator before being erected or brought onto the premises.

No alteration or addition to or use of existing sound, camera, lighting, musical, audio-visual, electric, electronic, kitchen or other equipment shall be carried out without the prior consent of St Dionis Church. Extra charges may apply for use of these facilities.

All fittings and equipment brought onto the premises by the Client shall be removed immediately after completion of the booking period unless there is an explicit agreement to the contrary with the Administrative Operator. In the event of the Client failing to clear the premises to the satisfaction of St Dionis Church this shall be done by St Dionis Church and the expense borne by the Client.

No goods or services may be sold or offered for sale or for exchange of other goods or services within the building nor any collection taken without the prior permission of St Dionis Church. The liability for insurance of such items lies with the Client.

Please be aware that St Dionis church is in a residential area and consideration must be given to our neighbours including but not limited to music and the departure of all guests.

Music volume levels within St Dionis church are subject to the absolute discretion of the St Dionis staff member on duty. The Client agrees that all music will not exceed the limit of 80 DB and will be turned off by 10pm. This is non-negotiable.

In extreme circumstances this may result in music being stopped early should co-operation not be forthcoming.

Health and Safety

St Dionis Church is committed to the health and safety of its employees, members of the public and sub-contractors working on the premises. The Client agrees to abide by all relevant provisions of health and safety law, and with any St Dionis Church health and safety rules and regulations.

If any group or member of a group who is using the site has any relevant medical condition which may require additional medical support or intervention, either the Client, or the person themselves are obliged to report it to the reception desk either in advance or on arrival. This includes persons of limited mobility who would require extra support in an emergency evacuation.



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The number of persons attending any event under the Agreement shall be limited to the capacity of the rooms as stipulated by St Dionis Church. The Client shall not cause or allow the capacity to be exceeded.

All electrical appliances brought onto and used on the premises by or on behalf of the Client must be fully tested in compliance with current legislation and proof be exhibited to St Dionis Church, if required, to that effect.

St Dionis Church, as a venue, does not require Clients to provide a copy of their risk assessment forms, however, we do strongly encourage the Client to carry out a thorough risk assessment, and we reserve the right to request this completed risk assessment form from the Client at any point.

Catering

For 'refreshments' post-service (option 2a) larger than 100 guests, and for all receptions, a professional caterer must be used.

All sub-contracted caterers must have been approved by the Administrative Operator at least 4 weeks prior to the wedding date.

Alcohol must not be sold on the premises at any time.

For 'refreshments' post-service the Client agrees that they or the caterers will not exceed a limit of 1 bottle of wine/champagne per person. Spirits are only to be served with prior agreement with the Administrative Operator.

For receptions, our Administrative Operator will request an alcohol quantity list, and St Dionis church reserve the right to limit this (up to and including on the day of hire) to a level we consider to be acceptable, if deemed necessary.

Insurance

The Client will be responsible for any liability that arises from their use of the building or its equipment and are required to indemnify St Dionis Church against loss, costs and expenses arising from all claims from any party (including members of the public, the Client's members, employees, contractors, etc.) arising from the Client's use of the building and associated equipment.

The Client must also ensure that their Wedding Insurance Policy includes the extension of guest liability cover, or they purchase a separate Public Liability Policy with a minimum of £2 million indemnity limit to cover themselves and third parties during their booking period. A valid copy of this Policy will be requested by our Administrative Operator on booking.

The church has a public liability policy up to £10 million for each incident covering claims for negligence in maintaining the condition of the building and its equipment.

St Dionis Church shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the property or goods used or exhibited on the premises or left by the Client or persons attending the premises.

If any person is carrying items of significant cultural, financial, or historical value, they understand that St Dionis Church accepts no responsibility for the care or security of that item, unless the item is being brought to the site at the request of St Dionis Church or in connection to an event which St Dionis Church is to be considered a partner of. In the event of either of those being true, the presence of the items on site should be notified to the St Dionis Church Facilities Team in advance in order that the appropriate security or care conditions be prepared.

Payment

To secure a booking, the key details (time, date, purpose, areas reserved, fees) of the booking must be confirmed with St Dionis Church including a signed copy of these terms and conditions, and the deposit paid (for some larger events). Once received, your booking will be reserved in our booking system and a booking confirmation sent to the organiser of the event. The Client now holds a reserved booking and a St Dionis Church invoice will then follow.

St Dionis Church reserves the right to require payment of all or part of any booking or reservation fee, at any time during the period before an event, if it is the opinion of the St Dionis Church that this is necessary to limit against exposure to financial risk.

Advertised prices are non-negotiable.

The Client agrees that for Receptions larger than **100 guests**, it might be necessary for more than 1 member of verging staff to be present. Each extra member of verging staff will be charged at an additional £20 per hour.

For meetings and site visits related to the Client's wedding/reception outside of normal opening hours (regular office opening hours are from 8.30am – 4.30pm, Monday – Friday), there may be an additional £20 per hour charge to cover the wages of the staff member who is required to be present.

In the event of the Client cancelling their booking, after confirmation of booking proposal and any relevant payments made, the following cancellation fees will be due:

CANCELLATIONS	CANCELLATION FEE PAYABLE
3 months prior to the event date	50% of the total due under the booking agreement
1 month or less prior to the event date	100% of the total due under the booking agreement including all catering and AV costs



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In the event of a date change of a booking being made by the Client after confirmation of booking proposal a £25 administrative fee will be due.

I confirm that I have read and agree to these terms and conditions, including the St Dionis Safeguarding policy.

I attach a copy of our Public Liability Insurance Policy & Wedding Insurance Policy here.

Print name:

..... (on behalf of the Client)

Signed:

..... (on behalf of the Client)

Date:

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