



THE PRIESTS HOUSE
BARDEN TOWER

Wedding Brochure
2027

The Essentials...

Ceremony capacity: 80

Sit-down meal capacity (The Oak Room): 24

Sit-down meal capacity (The Chapel): 76

Evening reception capacity: 85

All weddings have exclusive use of the venue on the day

Most decoration requirements can be provided in-house

Bespoke pricing to your specific requirements

On the day wedding co-ordination by our fantastic team





“We don’t really know where to begin, we had the most perfect day!”
- Holly & Raymond



A message from the team

First of all - congratulations!

Welcome to The Priests House. We guess we should start by saying - we love weddings! For over two decades we have overseen and celebrated big days, and have used this experience to hone and craft magnificent packages and offerings for your special day. We are very proud of the team and venue that we have developed.

Service is at the heart of everything we do, from meeting with you to discuss the details, to celebrating with yourselves and your guests on the day, we love every step of the journey and are here to help you at every part and welcome you into our 'home'.

From our kind and attentive front-of-house team, the gifted team of chefs and hands-on owners, we take our couples telling us they have had 'the best day of their lives' personally, and derive great reward from hearing so.

After reading this brochure, if there is anything that we can do to help or any queries that you may have, please do get in touch and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you and we look forward to hopefully meeting and celebrating with you soon,

From all of us at The Priests House

“The Priests House and all its team will always have a special place in our hearts”
- Emma & Craig







The Site

The Barden Tower site is located on the northern edge of the land managed by the Chatsworth Estate, in the Upper Wharfedale valley. Although the location feels far away from civilisation, we are actually only a fifteen minute drive from the picturesque and lively towns of Skipton & Ilkley.

The site is Grade-1 listed and encompasses the ruin of Barden Tower (originally a 12th century hunting lodge, but extensively enlarged and fortified in the 15th and 16th centuries), The Priests House and The Barn at Barden.

As 'The Priests House' name implies, it was historically the place of worship for the parish of Barden. The Chapel was derelict for many years but has been extensively renovated in two phases, first in 2016 and then in 2019, to create a unique venue of unrivalled romanticism and charm for holding civil ceremonies and other private functions.

The grounds present excellent views of the valley whilst the rest of the site is enhanced by the majesty of the Tower and the stunning beauty of the Yorkshire Dales. A site of peace and tranquillity - a truly intimate setting for an exclusive and relaxing wedding.







An intimate ceremony in the Chapel

If you are looking for that fairytale ceremony, then the Chapel will exceed your wildest expectations. With her grand windows, original stone, woodwork and bespoke chandeliers and wall lights the Chapel has been fabulously restored.

You will have exclusive use of the venue, a dedicated service team and the grounds and buildings to provide you with a range of stunning backdrops for your wedding photography.

For just your ceremony with us, venue hire is £1,295 and can be booked between Monday to Thursday.
A drinks & canapés package must be purchased.

The price includes:

- ceremony for up to 80 guests
- three hours exclusive use of The Priests House
- use of chairs and drapes
- use of decorations
- use of baby grand piano
- a dedicated service team to make sure your ceremony runs smoothly
- use of the grounds









Exclusive ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception

There are distinct advantages of holding the full day in one venue - especially as one as stunning as the Chapel. Your day will be made as simple as possible, without the hassle of transporting guests, flowers or even your cake between venues. We would be delighted to host your whole day.

Venue hire costs are:

£3,845 for a Monday to Thursday, £4,145 for a Friday or Sunday wedding or £4,845 for a Saturday wedding for up to 50 guests. There will be an extra £250 charge for extra evening guests.

£4,345 for a Monday to Thursday, £4,645 for a Friday or Sunday wedding or £5,345 for a Saturday wedding for between 50 and maximum guests.

The price includes:

- Exclusive use of The Priests House on the day (based on an early afternoon ceremony time)
- use of the Chapel for the ceremony
- use of the Chapel for your Wedding Breakfast* (max. 76) and evening reception (max. 85)
- use of chairs, chair drapes and table runners
- other décor available such as table centre pieces, table numbers etc
- easel for table plan, cake stand and knife
- use of baby grand piano
- use of fire pit, fire torches, blanket crate and fairy lights outside in the evening
- a dedicated service team to make sure your day runs smoothly

To be fair to our accommodating neighbouring farms, the bar licence ends at 11:00pm (10:30pm on Sundays), with music concluding at 11.30pm and carriages home before midnight.

*Food and drink packages and prices can be found further into the brochure.





Pen-y-ghent





An intimate ceremony and wedding breakfast for up to 24 people

With an exclusive, stunning location and inclusive service, we make a perfect choice for the more intimate wedding. With a romantic ceremony in the Chapel, exclusive use of our Chapel grounds and a superb wedding breakfast in the Oak Room, our intimate package provides a truly special & historic ambience.

Venue hire can start at £1,750 on Monday to Thursday and £2,450 on weekends.*

Our ceremony and wedding breakfast package is also suitable for more than 24 people, to dine in the Chapel at a bespoke price.

The price includes:

- ceremony in the Chapel
- room hire for your wedding breakfast** in the Oak Room to a maximum of 24 people. It is possible to have more than 24 people and dine in the Chapel at a bespoke price
- six hours exclusive use
- use of chairs, chair drapes & table runners
- use of baby grand piano
- table linen and house decorations for your wedding breakfast
- a dedicated service team to make sure your day runs smoothly
- there is an option to dine in the Chapel for up to 24 people for a £350 supplement (includes an extra hour)

We welcome parties of all sizes and for those smaller than 15 guests please do get in touch for a more tailored package.

* selected weekends only

** Food and drink packages and prices can be found in our Food & Drink brochure.





Twilight Wedding Packages

If you are not after a “traditional” wedding, our twilight weddings are perfect for a more informal and romantic vibe. With her awe-inspiring iron chandeliers, large authentic windows and beautiful aisle, the Old Chapel makes for an unmatched setting for an evening ceremony. After you have both tied the knot, you will then go straight into your photographs and evening reception.

With the tranquil Yorkshire Dales views, nearby ruins and stunning surroundings, there are ample opportunities for evening wedding photographs for yourselves and your guests. The Twilight Package is especially suited for mid-week weddings for up to 70 people and may allow some guests to attend after work or only take a half-day off.

Our twilight package offers:

- A ceremony in the Chapel to commence from 17:00 for up to 70 people,
- exclusive use of the venue from 16:00 to midnight,
- use of chairs, chair drapes, table linen and decorations,
- use of our baby grand piano,
- all evening features including fire torches, fire pit, blanket crate and garden lighting,
- opportunity for stunning twilight photographs.

We have a fantastic range of evening food and drink packages for your guests to enjoy after your ceremony. So, whether you are after a champagne and canapé reception or street food staples - we have you covered!

Available only Monday to Thursday and select weekends.

1 x Drinks Reception drink package, 1 x ‘evening food’ Large Plate and 1 x ‘evening food’ Sharing Platter option must be purchased for your twilight wedding for all guests attending.

Hire fee: £2,995 April - October | £2,395 November - March

(Bar closing time: 23:00 Mon-Sat, 22:30 on a Sunday).





The Twilight+ Package

For those who would prefer the simplicity and more relaxed nature of the twilight package but would also like a more formal sit-down main food offering, our Twilight+ package is slightly longer than the traditional Twilight package and offers a table service main course.

Our Twilight+ package offers:

- A ceremony in the Chapel to commence from 16:00 for up to 70 people,
- exclusive use of the venue from 15:00 to midnight,
- use of chairs, drapes, table linen and decorations,
- use of our baby grand piano,
- all evening features including fire torches, fire pit, blanket crate and garden lighting,
- opportunity for stunning twilight photographs.

When it comes to the food and drink, you would choose a drinks package for after your ceremony, select 1 x main course or 'sharing platter' (from the starter list) from the wedding breakfast menu option as your main meal, and 1 x 'evening food' sharing platter option. Optional extras include drinks on the tables, canapés for the drinks reception, toast drinks for the speeches or hot drink stations later in the evening.

1 x plated main course = £41.50pp (plus any supplements if applicable)

1 x sharing platter main course = £43.50pp

'Evening food' sharing platters = priced as per the 'evening food' page menu

Available Monday to Friday and select weekends.

Hire fee: £3,450 April - October | £2,850 November - March

(Bar closing time: 23:00 Mon-Sat, 22:30 on a Sunday).





A Fairytale Winter Wedding

Without a doubt, The Priests House lends itself to a Winter (and late Autumn!) wedding day. The medieval charm, beautiful stonework, roaring log burners and open fires and breathtaking surroundings are all emphasised in the colder months.

The above, combined with the special touches of the fire torches, the blankets, the firepits and the garden lighting, create a truly enchanting vibe for a Winter wedding, when the sun sets early and the dark nights last longer. Alongside these, we have Christmas trees and decorations available for use if you are seeking a festive feel to your big day.

For those seeking a wedding between November 1st and March 31st, enjoy 20% off of your hire fee. (Excludes Twilight weddings which already have a seasonal price and select December dates).







Wedding Food & Drink

Our in-house catering team serve up an array of delicious dishes from canapés, grazing tables and three course wedding breakfasts. Our fully licensed bars stock a wide range of drinks to keep your guests 'hydrated' throughout your big day.

Please check our Food & Drink brochure to browse our menus and catering information!

<https://thepriestshouse.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Wedding-Brochure-Food-Drink.pdf>



The Garden Game Package

Our Garden Game package is an entertaining and fun addition to your drinks reception for both adults and the little ones!
The games are £200.00 to hire and include:

- 1 x giant Jenga
- 1 x noughts & crosses
- 1 x ring toss
- 1 x pallet-sized snakes & ladders
- 1 x pallet-sized chequers
- 1 x lawn croquet
- 1 x Barden Basketball
- 3 x space hoppers

Now, we understand we are in Britain, and the weather is not always reliable. Should it rain/snow and the games cannot be provided on your day, we can refund the money paid or pop it behind the bar as a tab, whichever you would prefer.



Décor

We know just how many moving parts there are to planning a wedding, and we enjoy being able to oversee so many aspects of this for you. As part of that, we love getting our creative heads and our decorative hands on and making the venue look even more stunning than it already is! When you choose The Priests House, you will have access to our decoration portfolio including:

Chair drapes
Table runners
Aisle decorations
Table centrepieces and tealights
Table numbers and sign holders
Easels
Card boxes
Cake stands
Confetti baskets
Candles - lots and lots of candles
and more...





Accommodation

We are not a hotel, but on the other side of the Tower is the The Barn at Barden, which can sleep up to 18. We recognise this is not suitable for everyone, but is perfect for families and for those wanting to make a weekend of it. It is also ideal as a base to use for changing or a safe place to give children at your event a break from the grown-ups (or the other way around!)

In fact, many wedding groups take advantage of the Barn to have a pick-me-up brunch the morning after their big day as a way to spend more time with friends and family in an exclusive, relaxing environment. With scenic walks along the River Wharfe and several tourist attractions such as Bolton Abbey and Burnsall nearby, it is the perfect hub to turn your big day into a big weekend!

If you are having the full day with us, then we strongly recommend you book the barn too as it will provide total exclusivity for the site and also provide additional car parking facilities.

See www.thebarnatbarden.com



Useful contacts

Registrar

The Priests House has a civil wedding licence and thus any ceremony cannot have any religious connotations. Having provisionally agreed a date and approximate time for the ceremony with us, you must contact the Superintendent Registrar. All details can be found here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/>

Entertainers

Gavin Young (Singer) - www.gavinyoung.co.uk

Ben Jeremy (DJ) - www.soundsaloud.com

Mike Robson (DJ) - <https://www.djmikerobson.co.uk/>

Ed Marshall (DJ) - djedmarshall@outlook.com, 07714 335095

HUM Gospel Choir (Choir) - <https://www.humgospelchoir.com/>

Chequered Band (Band) - www.chequeredband.co.uk

Lewis Links (Singer, Sax, DJ) - <http://www.linklewismusic.com/>

Steven Heath (guitar + singer) - <https://www.stevenheath.co.uk/>

Andrew 24 Live (guitar + singer) - <https://www.24-live.co.uk/>

Electric Idols (Indie band) - <https://www.electricidols.co.uk/>

Pianists

Emma (White Notes Music) - whitenotesmusic.co.uk

Photographers / Videographers

Black Sheep Productions - <https://www.blacksheep-productions.co.uk/>

Richard Perry Photography - <https://www.richardperryphotography.com/>

Kathryn - An Open Book Photography - <https://anopenbook.photography>

Ben Cumming Photography - <http://www.bencummingphotography.co.uk/>

Kazooieloki - <https://www.kazooieloki.co.uk/>

Emily Green - <https://www.emily-green-photography.co.uk/>

Bethany Clarke - www.bethanyclarkeweddingphotography.com/

Fletcher Films - <https://www.afletcherfilm.com/>

Local Accommodation

Throstle Nest Farm - <https://www.throstlenestfarmbandb.co.uk/>

The Coach House (Skipton) - <https://thecoachhouseskipton.com/>

The Woolly Sheep (Skipton) - <https://www.woollysheepinn.co.uk/>

The Green, Burnsall - <https://www.thegreenburnsall.co.uk/>

The Crescent Inn - www.thecrescentinn.co.uk/

The Skipton Hotel - <https://www.skiptonhotel.co.uk/>

Howgill Lodge - www.howgill-lodge.co.uk/

The Linton Laithe - www.lintonlaithe.co.uk/

The Devonshire Arms - www.thedevonshirearms.co.uk/

The Devonshire Fell - www.devonshirefell.co.uk/

BoltonAbbeyCottages - www.boltonabbey.com/stay-with-us/holiday-cottages/

The Bailey (Skipton) - <https://thebaileyskipton.co.uk/>

Grassington House - <https://www.grassingtonhouse.co.uk/>

The Devonshire (Grassington): <https://www.thedevonshiregrassington.co.uk/>

Salt Pot Cottage - https://www.instagram.com/saltpot_cottage/?hl=en

There are many other hotels, bed and breakfasts, cottages and self-catered accommodation in the area. AirBnB also has a fantastic variety.

Wedding Cakes and Bakes

Every Cloud Cakes & Bakes - <http://www.everycloudcakesandbakes.co.uk/>

Three Little Birds - <https://www.threelittlebirdsbakery.com/>

Transport & Wedding Cars

Yorkshire Vehicle Hire - <https://www.yorkshirevehiclehire.co.uk/>

CPW Chauffeur - <https://www.cpwchauffeurs.co.uk/>

Coaches - <https://www.hargreavescoaches.co.uk/>

Station taxi's - 01756 700777

Skipton Taxi's - 01756 701122

Useful contacts

Florists

The Hedgerow - www.the-hedgerow.co.uk

Berries Skipton - www.berriesfloristskipton.co.uk

Woodbank Nurseries - www.woodbanknurseries.com/expert-wedding-florist-services

Meadows & Bulberry - www.meadowsandmulberry.co.uk

Erica Berry - www.ericaberryflowers.co.uk

Terms and Conditions

1. BOOKING & CANCELLATION

To confirm and secure your reservation, we require a deposit of £750 for the use of The Priests House and £200 for The Barn at Barden if required. This can be by any means, but bank transfer is preferred.

In the unfortunate circumstance that you need to cancel, this must be notified in writing (email acceptable). Deposits are in principle non-refundable, but we will endeavour to rebook the day and if we are successful in securing another booking for an approximately comparable wedding we will refund the deposit in full. This will be undertaken on a best endeavours basis and we cannot guarantee to be successful. If the cancellation is within 16 weeks of the event date, then the full house fee and bunk barn cost, less the deposit already paid, is payable. We strongly recommend that you take out wedding insurance.

The Priests House reserves the right to cancel a booking and without any liability on its part in the event of any factors beyond its reasonable control such as fire or other natural causes, loss of power or water supplies, food supplies, or statutory closures through events such as foot and mouth disease, coronavirus etc or where management consider the wedding will cause damage to property or potential safety issues to guests and employees.

2. PAYMENT

All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT. The hire fee is to be paid in full six months before the wedding date. The remaining balance must be paid in full at least 8 weeks prior to the wedding date. This invoice will be based on the numbers provided and will cover the known estimated cost including food, reception drinks, wines and room hire. Any outstanding balance should be settled on the day.

3. BEHAVIOUR OF GUESTS

The person booking the wedding accepts full responsibility for the behaviour of all guests. If in the reasonable opinion of The Priests House, the behaviour of any guest(s) is such that there is concern to the security of the property, other guests or staff, then the behaviour will be brought to the attention of the responsible person. If such behaviour continues and the offending guest(s) refuse to leave when requested then The Priests House reserves the right to terminate the wedding and ask everyone to leave. There will be no refunds paid. Damages to property arising from improper behaviour or actions must be paid for.

As a UK bar licensed venue, we can not serve drinks to guests under the age of 18. The Priests House reserves the right to shut the bar or ask relevant guests to leave at any wedding or function if guests over the age of 18 are buying drinks for those under the age of 18. We do operate ID checks, so please advise that any guests blessed with youth (between 18-25) do bring their ID's with them.

4. GENERAL

Only food and beverages purchased at The Priests House may be consumed on the premises. If food or beverages are brought in for consumption, a charge will be made equal to the selling price for that or an equivalent product.

Sorry, but corkage facilities are not available.

5. SERVICE CHARGE

We add an optional service charge to the bill representing 10% of food and drink to a maximum of £200.

6. EXTERNAL SUPPLIERS

We ask that if you are planning any extra activities or decorations such as axe-throwing; animal hire, large decoration hire that you do check with us first prior to booking them just in case it clashes with our insurance policies or lease restrictions.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

We do take our health and safety seriously at The Priests House to keep both guests and colleagues safe. With that said - being a Grade 1 listed property and in a rural area this does come with challenges. Rabbits can cause holes, old stone walls can be unstable & stone flooring can be uneven. It is the responsibility of guests to make sure that they do not climb onto stone walls etc and risk injury.

8. DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the couple to provide all dietary requirements in advance of the wedding to guarantee food availability for all guests. We do not take responsibility for any event arising from dietary requirements if we have not been given prior warning.