

# **HACKNEY CHURCH BREW CO.**

## **Wedding Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Welcome to Hackney Church Brew Co!**

Thank you for considering us for your big day. Before you go any further, we want to set some expectations to ensure our venue is the right fit for you. We are a working brewery with a beautifully designed taproom, offering a relaxed and unique alternative to traditional wedding venues. While we have hosted many incredible weddings, we are not a dedicated wedding venue, meaning we don't provide all the typical wedding extras.

We pride ourselves on creating a laid-back atmosphere in a stunning setting, but we do not have a dedicated events team to guide you through every step of the planning process. However, most of the common questions are answered below, so you should find everything you need to know about hosting your wedding with us.

Our focus is on brewing exceptional beer, and while we'll do our best to accommodate your requests, we have limited time and resources. If you're someone who wants every little detail meticulously managed, we may not be the best fit. But if you're looking for a fun, relaxed, and memorable celebration with great beer, delicious food, and your closest friends and family, then read on!

#### **Can I have my wedding ceremony at Hackney Church Brew Co?**

No we're afraid not, we aren't licensed. Most couples come to us directly from the town hall a short walk away.

#### **How many guests can the venue accommodate?**

Our venue can host up to 100 guests for a seated meal however not all in the same place, that means people spread between our taproom and garden so please bare the English weather in mind. The ideal number is 80 for a seated meal and we can accommodate up to 150 for a standing reception.

#### **Can we bring in our own decorations?**

Yes! We encourage you to add personal touches to the space. However, decorations must be approved in advance to ensure safety and suitability. Nothing may be screwed into walls or permanently fixed. Lightweight decorations of no more than 5kg can be hung from the ceiling beams. You, and your party are solely responsible for the putting up and removal of decorations we do not offer a decoration service. This includes the arrangement and placement of flowers.

### **When can we decorate the venue?**

On the day of your event your guests will have access from 12pm. Our staff will be onsite from 10am which is the earliest you or any external contractors can arrive to drop off items or start to decorate the venue. Any mess created or empty packaging accrued from your decorations must be removed by yourselves prior to your guest's arrival. We will make the use of ladders available to you for your decorating however these are used at your own risk.

### **Can we bring our decorations the day before?**

In some instances, this may be possible, however for any weekend weddings it is not. We operate an extremely busy taproom and brewery and there is no where we can store anything on your behalf prior or post event. We cannot accept any responsibility for any items that are not the property of our business at any time.

### **When do our decorations have to be removed?**

Our venue needs to return to its original state prior to the commencement of trade the next day. This means for a weekend wedding all your decorations must be removed on the night no later than 1.5hrs after the agreed end time of your event. Or be gone by 12pm the following day. 11am being the earliest time for access the next day. Anything to be left overnight must be pre-agreed and approved by the venue and we take no responsibility for any items left in our premises. Anything not removed within this time frame will be disposed of by the venue.

### **Do you offer catering options?**

We have an in-house food offer from Elliot Cunninghams "Lagom" offering a range of menu options. Lagom is our long-term resident with no plans for them to leave in the near or distant future. However, given the nature of Hospitality this could change at short notice especially with Weddings booked well in advance. In the event a pre-booked wedding is not happy with the alternative food provider then they will have the option to either cancel and receive a full refund or source their own external catering.

Due to the operational limitations and size of our kitchen, the menu options are set and cannot be changed or modified to individual guests liking. Whilst we encourage you to bring your own Wedding Cake, we are unable to provide refrigeration for them.

### **Can we have live music or a DJ?**

Yes, live music and DJs are welcome. You will need to co-ordinate and arrange this yourselves. We do not work with any approved suppliers nor have any contacts of past entertainers. They will need to arrive and leave during the timings mentioned above. It is not possible to connect to our sound system so whomever you choose will need to provide their own PA system and equipment.

### **Is there a curfew?**

Our standard curfew is 11:00 PM from Sunday to Thursday and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It is possible to extend this with the application of a Temporary Event Notice to the Police and Local Council allowing your event to go on until 3am. We charge an application fee of £250 to do this and there is no guarantee it will be granted.

## **Food & Drink**

### **What food options are available?**

We offer a variety of menus, please see separate document on the food page of our website. Please bear in mind, we do not offer the option to taste the menu's as we are not a dedicated wedding venue and run a busy but small kitchen, Wednesday to Sunday. You are welcome to come in any time we are open to try the quality of the food however, we're sure you won't be disappointed.

### **Can we bring our own alcohol?**

As a brewery, we offer an excellent selection of craft beers, wines, and spirits. External alcohol is not permitted. A limited amount of Wine, Spirits or Champagne may be permitted with prior approval and is subject to corkage of £15 per bottle for Wine, £20 Champagne and £70 per bottle for Spirits.

### **Can you accommodate dietary requirements?**

Yes, we cater to various dietary needs, including vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and other allergies. Our menu's options are designed with these in mind, however due to the limitations of the kitchen dishes cannot be substituted or changed in some instances we may not be able to accommodate you.

## **Booking & Payment**

### **How do I book the venue?**

Booking can be made via our website, once an enquiry has been received you can request a viewing via the email function in the booking link.

However, we are a working Brewery and do not have an events team so have limited time to conduct venue show rounds. You can find a multitude of pictures of our space online and on our social media pages @hackneychurchbrewco and all of your [questions should be answered here.](#)

Once you have signed a contract and paid the deposit your booking will be confirmed. After that you can take your time in finalising your guestlist, choosing your menu's and letting us know any wines you'd like to pre-order.

We do not offer Menu tastings, but you are welcome to make a booking at any time our taproom is open and test out the quality of the food. With prior arrangement on your visit you can meet with the kitchen team to discuss your menu should you require any further info.

### **Is a deposit required?**

Yes, a 25% deposit is required to secure your booking. The remaining balance is typically due a few weeks before the event. The 25% deposit is from your total agreed spend amount eg. £5000 venue hire, £10,000 minimum spend = £15,000 total cost, £3750 deposit payable.

### **What is included in the venue hire fee?**

The exclusive use of the following areas. Taproom, Garden, Outside Front of the Taproom. We will provide one member of registered SIA Security staff to ensure no members of the public or uninvited guests gain entry to your event.

### **We haven't received a response to our email for a few days, what should we do?**

Please just bear with us. We aren't a dedicated wedding venue and do not have a wedding co-ordinator or event planner. Don't worry we haven't forgotten about you and all the information you should require if it's an answer to a question you are waiting on is contained in this document, so please refer here before emailing.

### **Will the person I've been speaking to be there on the day to make sure things run smoothly?**

Probably not, you may even be speaking to more than one person throughout the bookings process. However, we ask all communications are done via our booking's platform on Design My Night for this very reason. All our communications will be visible for all members of staff. As you finalise the details of your wedding, we will produce a step-by-step timeline on DMN to go alongside your pre-orders for the Taproom Management to work from. The taproom management will be fully briefed prior to your event of all the details to ensure everything runs smoothly as planned.

### **What is your cancellation policy?**

Cancellations are subject to our terms and conditions, which will be outlined in your booking agreement.

## **Facilities & Accessibility**

### **Is the venue wheelchair accessible?**

Yes, our venue is fully accessible.

### **Do you have a dance floor?**

The simple answer is No. However, we can create one. You can see from the pictures online the layout of the taproom, in the centre of the room we have 4 large concrete and wood tables. In the event you need or want a dance floor these can be removed and placed outside the front of the venue. To do this however, your party needs to vacate the premises for up to an hour to allow us to clear, clean and move them. What most parties do is move into our Garden for toasts or to mingle while this happens.

### **What else do you have?**

We have a wired microphone, stand and speaker that can be used all around the venue and even in the garden for speeches. We have a large 70inch TV screen that can be used for any embarrassing picture slide shows if desired. There is no charge for use of either of these. Our sound system runs via Bluetooth and Spotify premium so you can choose whatever music you would like on the day or build your own tailored playlists to share with us.

### **What don't you have?**

We don't have table linens, linen napkins, decorations, chair covers, plinths, cake tables, candles, candle holders, water jugs, disco lights, various types of glasses or silverware for every course. We are first and foremost a Brewery taproom, what you see is what you get. Whilst this may well be not every bride's dream, the plus side is there are no hidden extras or charges on top of your minimum spend for any of the above. To put your mind somewhat at ease, we do have Champagne Flutes, Stemless Wine Glasses (which serve Wine, Beer and Spirits) Pint Glasses and shots. You are welcome to bring anything you'd like in addition to what we have as long as it arrives and is removed during the allotted time frames as explained above.

## **This is our first marriage, we've never planned a wedding before what do you suggest?**

We've found the below to be a winning formula for the weddings we've hosted previously and a good starting point or to give you some inspiration.

Prosecco or Champagne Reception – (Each bottle contains approx 6 Glasses. Prices start from £36 per btl)

Followed by Canapes, we'd go for 3-4 different types per person.

Sit down for dinner after anywhere from 1 – 2hrs after arrival.

Wine to accompany Dinner – (We recommend approx ½ a Bottle Per Person. Prices start from £28 per bottle.)

More Sparkling or Cocktails to Toast Speeches. Which if you want a dance later are best done during or shortly after dinner.

Shots in the garden to get the party started – (From £6 per 25ml.) while we clear everything and get the room ready for a dancefloor.

## **Are kids and dogs allowed?**

Yes, it's your special day and we want you to have everyone you'd like to celebrate with you. However, depending on the number of guests we wouldn't recommend keeping younger ones or dogs later than 9pm. We have plenty of highchairs and baby changing facilities available.

## **Do you provide parking?**

There is limited on street parking nearby, but we encourage public transport as we are well-connected. Currently external suppliers such as florists, DJs etc can drive down our street and have up to 30mins to unload before they must move their vehicle.

## **Are there nearby hotels for guests?**

Yes, there are several hotels and guesthouses within walking distance. We do not have any arrangements with any of them however, so you are free to choose whatever is best for your guests.

## **Private Hire Pricing 2025/2026**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Venue Hire</b>	<b>Minimum Spend</b>
<b>Monday</b> 12pm until 11PM	£2,500.00	£3,500.00
<b>Tuesday</b> 12PM until 11PM	£2,500.00	£3,500.00
<b>Wednesday</b> 12pm until 11PM	£3,500.00	£5,000.00
<b>Thursday</b> 12pm until 11PM	£3,500.00	£7,000.00
<b>Friday</b> 12PM until Midnight	£4,000.00	£10,000.00
<b>Saturday</b> 12PM until Midnight	£5,500.00	£12,000.00
<b>Sunday</b> 12PM until 11PM	£4,000.00	£5,000.00

Minimum spend relates to all food and beverage charges paid to Hackney Church Brew Co and add on extras **it does not include venue hire**. Any shortfall in minimum spend will be charged for and is non refundable.