

“WE WILL DRAW THE
CURTAIN AND SHOW
YOU THE PICTURE.”

Twelfth Night, Act 1, Scene 5

Events at Middle Temple



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE



Middle Temple witnessed the very first recorded performance of 'Twelfth Night' on 2 February 1602. It is traditionally thought that Shakespeare and Queen Elizabeth attended this performance.



YOUR EVENT BEGINNING, MIDDLE AND END

The best way to see how Middle Temple can work for you as a venue is to come and visit us, to be treated to an eye-opening 'show-around'... and to stand in the very space where you want to hold your event.

It will give you a first-hand feel for this extraordinary place; Middle Temple has a long tradition of celebration, revelry and entertainment, and a history rich with royal associations and tales of pioneering explorers. It also means – whether your event is a small personal dinner or a major corporate affair, a wedding or a concert – you can experience and visualise how it will unfold.

In this brochure we walk you through each of the rooms, the Elizabethan Hall and the Gardens, and outline how we can support you – *before and on the day*.

Before you come here in person, we hope this brochure gives you a sense of Middle Temple, and of how your event can be one that will delight both you and your guests. To learn more do get in touch. See our details on the inside back page.

CHOOSING THE BEST VENUE FOR YOUR EVENT

For events great and small, London is not short of remarkable, or even unique, venues. So why then would you make Middle Temple your first choice? *(As some of our clients have done for over twenty years.)*

■ Overlooking the river Thames, the secluded environment of Middle Temple enables you to create stunning occasions that you and your guests will remember for a lifetime.

■ Who else in London can offer you a world-famous Elizabethan Hall as a weather-proof back-up for holding an event in our Gardens?

■ Our team is exceptional. Between them, they have an intimate knowledge of Middle Temple, and of how to make the most of this venue for your particular event.

■ Your options here are unusually flexible and surprisingly affordable.*

■ When you first come to talk to us you can step into the very places where royalty has dined... and where iconic cinematic moments have been captured.

■ For much of the year, our award-winning Gardens are also an option for a dedicated outdoor event, or can be used for a relaxing pre-dinner reception followed by a meal in the Hall.

■ We are here to help you choose and create the right environment. It all depends on the nature of your event, the time of year, the number of guests, and your particular wishes.

*See 'Hiring Multiple Rooms' on the opposite page.





HIRING MULTIPLE ROOMS

One option you have is to book Middle Temple in its entirety. *(i.e. all the venues outlined in this brochure.)*

Another option that gives you some welcome flexibility is to create your own tailored combination of venues here.

Such choices include hiring:

- The Hall in tandem with one or more of the Bench Apartments
- Two or more Bench Apartments together
- Any of the indoor spaces with the Garden and/or Terrace.

We will be happy to walk you through your best options when you come to Middle Temple for your personal 'show-around'.

PLANNING YOUR EVENT

From your first phone call to the moment your event has reached its happy conclusion, we are here to provide end-to-end planning of the very highest order.

■ Typically, our wedding clients dispense with the idea of a wedding planner. That is the measure of our team's commitment to planning every last detail of any event.

■ With corporate events, we can give you a step-by-step picture of the day, including how we greet and seat clients, and how we can handle different scenarios.

■ As well as our exceptional menus, our wine lists, comparing old and new world wines, have been carefully developed to enhance your event.

■ Irrespective of its size, our team is dedicated to your event's success. We will do whatever is needed to give you complete peace of mind in the run-up to your event.

■ **With those corporate clients for whom we regularly host a particular event, we may know the ins and outs of the event better than our individual client!**

■ Such expertise can often prove vital, bringing to mind essential details that may otherwise be overlooked. This is where continuity is critical.

■ In the same way, the member of our Events team who helps you with preparations *before* the day, will probably also be the person supporting you *on* the day.





A-Z OF EVENT POSSIBILITIES
 ANNUAL DINNERS
 AWARDS CEREMONIES
 BARBECUES
 BOOK LAUNCHES
 BREAKFAST SEMINARS
 BUSINESS LUNCHES
 CHAMPAGNE BREAKFASTS
 CELEBRATION DINNERS
 CHARITY FUNDRAISERS
 CLIENT PRESENTATIONS
 COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS
 CONCERTS
 CONFERENCE
 DINNERS
 FASHION SHOWS
 FILMING
 FORMAL BLACK TIE EVENTS
 FUN FAIRS
 GARDEN PARTIES
 INTIMATE DINNERS
 MEETINGS AND BUFFETS
 MUSICAL EVENTS
 RECEPTIONS
 SEMINARS
 WEDDING CEREMONIES
 WEDDING RECEPTIONS
 WINE TASTINGS

ARRIVING AT YOUR EVENT

The moment your guests step away from the bustle of London onto the cobbles of lantern-lit Middle Temple Lane, they will realise they're embarking on a memorable journey.

■ Barristers may hurry across their path, as they enter Fountain Court outside Middle Temple Hall, to the ringing of the Inn's bells.

■ Members of our team can be on hand to greet your guests and guide them to the appropriate room for say a champagne reception.

■ The Paschal lamb, reflecting the Inn's 12th Century beginnings, welcomes you and your guests on the cast iron gates of the Hall... and reappears in various guises throughout Middle Temple.

■ From our Porters to our Chefs, at Middle Temple you have an exceptionally experienced team working for you.

■ Throughout the day, as your event unfolds, our Events team are on hand to keep a watchful eye on your needs, and those of your guests.

■ A member of our team can play a prominent role in steering your guests through the day's events. Where desired, we can also recruit a Master of Ceremonies.

■ Alternatively, we can be on hand in a more discreet fashion, providing you with the advice and reminders that you need to stay completely on top of your event.

■ Such on-the-day support means you can relax throughout your event far more than you might imagine.





MIDDLE TEMPLE AT THE MOVIES

Middle Temple has long since been a popular location and venue for film-makers. On your personal 'show-around' you can learn which room was used for which film or TV series. You can spot Middle Temple in the following productions:

BELLE

BRIDGET JONES II

THE DA VINCI CODE

DOWNTON ABBEY

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE V

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

24: LIVE ANOTHER DAY

HOSTING YOUR EVENT

MIDDLE
TEMPLE HALL

Virtually unaltered since its completion in the 1570s, this is one of the finest Elizabethan Halls in the country. Whether hosting a celebration dinner for up to 300 people, or a reception for 500, it is hard to imagine a more breathtaking or impressive setting.

■ You and your guests can sit at the same High Table where generations of Royalty have dined. The 29 foot long table is believed to be a gift from Elizabeth I – made from a single oak tree that was floated down the Thames from Windsor Forest.

■ The Hall witnessed the very first recorded performance of 'Twelfth Night' on 2 February 1602, in which William Shakespeare himself acted.

■ Beneath its double hammer beam roof, its oak-panelled walls are festooned with hundreds of Coats of Arms, while its impressive windows are made from heraldic glass memorials to notable Middle Templars.

■ Today the Hall remains very much the centre of life in the Inn; Candlemas Revels continue here to this day. For many, its beautiful wooden floor serves surprisingly well as a dance floor.

■ The precise lay-out of the Hall can be configured in a variety of ways to suit your event.

■ A new oak floor was laid by Fieldhouse in 1730 who also made 17 tables and 24 benches out of the previous floor. When the old floor was lifted, 100 pairs of dice were found beneath the floor.





POPULAR USES OF
THE HALL INCLUDE
ANNUAL DINNERS
AWARD CEREMONIES
CHARITY FUNDRAISERS
CHRISTMAS PARTIES
CONCERTS
DRINKS RECEPTIONS
FASHION SHOWS
FILMING
PRESENTATIONS
WEDDING RECEPTIONS AND
CEREMONIES

WHEN YOU CAN HIRE
From 4pm on weekdays, and all
day at weekends

CAPACITIES	
RECEPTION	500
MEETING / CONFERENCE	350
CONCERT	325
DINNER	300
DINNER DANCE	225
CEREMONY	100

ROOM DIMENSIONS
Usable space
27.4m x 12.1m (90' x 40')

HOSTING YOUR EVENT

PARLIAMENT CHAMBER

As you proceed to what is probably the most distinguished of all the Bench Apartments, the Parliament Chamber, you walk not only past heraldic panels of Readers' arms and priceless portraits... but also past the very spot where Bridget Jones and D'Arcy were memorably engaged.

■ Previously the Inn's library – with its exquisite carved panelling, intricate ceiling, and stained glass memorials to Henry II, Edward III, Elizabeth I and James IV – the Parliament Chamber is the perfect setting to quietly impress your guests.

■ With views onto the tranquil gardens down to the Embankment, this room is a popular backdrop for weddings and champagne receptions, prior to formal dinners in the adjoining Hall, or for impressive lunches or dinners for up to 70 people.

■ Since 1830 a ship's bell has sat beneath the dining table. Historically, members use the bell to indicate their readiness for coffee. It's a tradition that continues to this day.





POPULAR USES OF THE
PARLIAMENT CHAMBER INCLUDE

- ANNUAL DINNERS
- AWARD CEREMONIES
- BREAKFAST SEMINARS
- BUFFET LUNCHES
- COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS
- MEETINGS
- WEDDING RECEPTIONS
AND CEREMONIES
- WINE TASTINGS

WHEN YOU CAN HIRE
Weekdays and Weekends – all day

CAPACITIES	
RECEPTION	120
LUNCH OR DINNER	70
MEETING THEATRE-STYLE	70
CEREMONY	70
BOARDROOM	32

ROOM DIMENSIONS
Usable space
9.6m x 7.9m (31'4" x 25'9")

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HOSTING YOUR EVENT

QUEEN'S
ROOM

An intimate venue and undoubtedly the most graceful of all the Bench Apartments, the Queen's Room affords stunning views across the sweeping Gardens down to the Thames and creates the ideal setting for a discreet lunch or dinner for up to 22 people.

■ The room is named after HM Queen Mother, who was called to the Bar in this very room in 1944. She dined at the Inn virtually every year from 1944 until her death in 2002 – her last visit being in 2001.

■ With its airy elegance, the Queen's Room is our most popular venue for holding wedding and civil partnership ceremonies, before then continuing the celebrations in the Hall or Garden.

■ The smallest of the Bench Apartments, the Queen's Room provides a peaceful setting for an exclusive occasion. We know how to create exactly the right ambience for your event.

■ The portrait of Queen Elizabeth in the Queen's Room is by Sir James Gunn and was commissioned in 1945 to mark her call to the Bench.





POPULAR USES OF THE
QUEEN'S ROOM INCLUDE
BREAKFAST EVENTS
BUSINESS MEETINGS
DINNERS
INTIMATE LUNCHESES
RECEPTIONS
SEMINARS
SMALL EVENTS
WEDDING CEREMONIES
WINE TASTINGS

WHEN YOU CAN HIRE
Weekdays and Weekends – all day

CAPACITIES	
RECEPTION	80
MEETING THEATRE-STYLE	50
CEREMONY	50
LUNCH OR DINNER	22
BOARDROOM	22

ROOM DIMENSIONS
Usable space
7.9m x 8m (25'9" x 26'3")

HOSTING YOUR EVENT

PRINCE'S
ROOM

Flanked by the surrounding historic red-chimneyed buildings, this refined room presents the perfect opportunity for guests to meet for a drinks reception for up to 100 people, prior to dinner in the Hall or Parliament Chamber.

■ When Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, was called to the Bench on 6th July 2009 in Hall, this Apartment was renamed to commemorate this royal occasion. Until that day, it was known as The Smoking Room.

■ The fireplace in the Prince's Room serves as a lovely backdrop for black and white photos of wedding couples.

■ Paintings of Rt Hon Joseph Jekyll and Sir Nicholas Hyde hang in the Prince's Room; their coats of arms are visible in the south west transept of the Hall. It is believed that author and lawyer Robert Louis Stevenson visited the Inn while staying in London.





POPULAR USES OF THE
PRINCE'S ROOM INCLUDE
BREAKFAST EVENTS
BUSINESS MEETINGS
DINNERS
DRINKS RECEPTIONS
PRE-DINNER RECEPTIONS
SEMINARS
WEDDING RECEPTIONS
AND CEREMONIES

WHEN YOU CAN HIRE
Weekdays and Weekends – all day

CAPACITIES	
RECEPTION	100
MEETING THEATRE-STYLE	60
CEREMONY	60
LUNCH OR DINNER	40
BOARDROOM	18

ROOM DIMENSIONS
Usable space
10.8m x 7.7m (35'6" x 25'4")

HOSTING YOUR EVENT

THE GARDEN

On a balmy evening, the gardens of Middle Temple can allow up to 1,500 people to mingle in a beautiful, secluded and quintessential London setting.

■ Here they can enjoy a rare level of privacy, while viewing the twinkling lights of the Embankment across our lovingly maintained lawns and award-winning gardens.

■ A popular venue for concerts or musical accompaniment, Middle Temple Garden has played host to many well-known bands, as well as classical quartets and soloists.

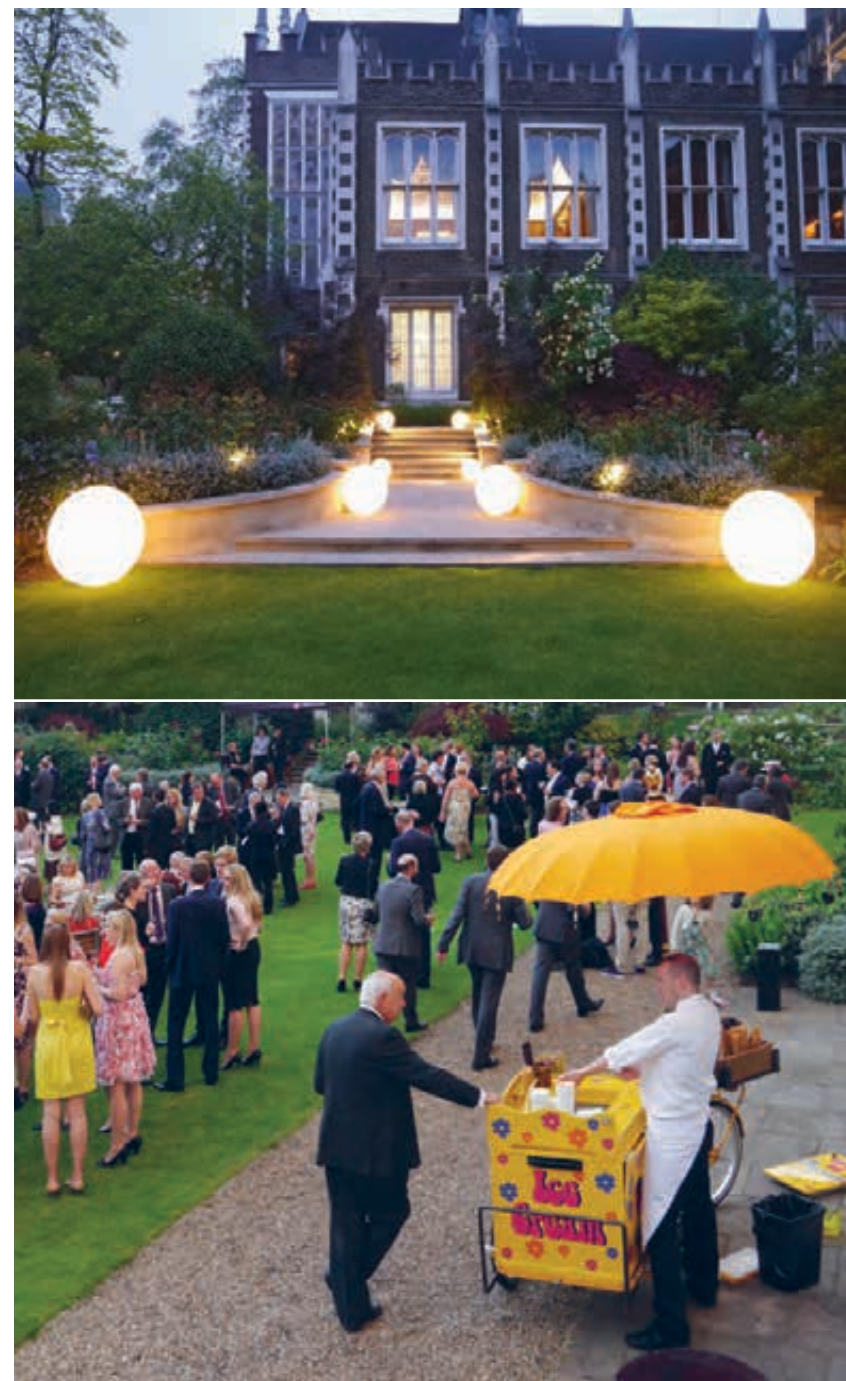
■ Here we can provide world-class catering for your guests, through a variety of marquee options, with the Garden being easily accessible from our kitchens.

■ Our award-winning gardens provide an idyllic backdrop for wedding photography and filming, as well as for relaxed champagne receptions.

■ Our tranquil Rose Garden provides an idyllic setting for more intimate receptions. These gardens have been renowned for the beauty of their roses since Shakespeare's time.

Also available for use is Fountain Court, directly outside Middle Temple Hall.

■ Whether lit by lanterns at night or by the afternoon sun, this peaceful courtyard is a welcome oasis, just moments from the bustle of City life.





POPULAR USES OF THE GARDEN INCLUDE
 BBQS
 CHAMPAGNE RECEPTIONS
 CONCERTS
 FUN FAIRS
 GARDEN PARTIES
 MARQUEES
 MUSICAL EVENTS
 TEAM BUILDING
 WEDDINGS

WHEN YOU CAN HIRE
 From 4pm on weekdays, and all day at weekends

CAPACITIES*
 RECEPTION 1500
 DINING 1000

*Where Middle Temple rooms are required as an alternative space (i.e. – in the event of inclement weather, where there are no marquees), the capacity is 750.

FACILITIES
 Various pop-up gazebos and outdoor furniture are available (and are included in your booking costs). If required, we can arrange for the provision of additional marquees.

GARDEN DIMENSIONS
 Usable space
 2630m² (8628ft²)

THE IMPACT OF YOUR EVENT

At Middle Temple, we are here to help you create an occasion that is talked about for years to come... irrespective of its size. Maybe that's why some clients have been coming back to us for over twenty years.

We are committed to your event being not just a success but a palpable hit.

If your guests are wanting to have a lasting memory of their event with us, Middle Temple sells a wide range of merchandise. Such mementoes or gifts include; Middle Temple Port and Claret, cufflinks, books, pens, notebooks and prints.

Whatever your event, be it a major business showpiece or an intimate affair, a one-off launch or an annual celebration, we always start by getting clear exactly what you'd love to achieve. That's how we've been creating memorable events for over 50 years. Perhaps the best evidence of that is to hear directly from our many clients.



A MAJOR BUSINESS SHOWPIECE...

"The corridors of power are abuzz today with tales of venison mini burgers and the wonderfully friendly and attentive staff."



A PERSONAL AFFAIR...

"We had the best day of our lives and will never forget it. Both of us were able to relax completely and enjoy every minute, and this was mainly because you and your team were so fantastic."



A ONE-OFF LAUNCH...

"... a huge thank you to all the staff at Middle Temple for hosting our event last night. The whole evening was handled in a totally professional and courteous manner. I have heard nothing but enthusiastic responses... expectations of the evening seem to have been wildly exceeded."



AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION...

"Every aspect from start to finish went very smoothly with the help of the conscientious staff. I am sure we will hold other events here in the future."

LOCATION AND FLOOR PLAN

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Middle Temple Hall is situated near Temple Tube Station which is served by the District and Circle Lines. There are also several bus services that pass the Inn on Fleet Street.

PEDESTRIANS

The main pedestrian entrances and exits are:

Gate (Mon-Fri)	Entrance	Exit
Tudor Street	24 Hours	24 Hours
The Embankment	7am-8.30pm	7am-8.30pm
Middle Temple Lane	7am-8.30pm	24 Hours

VEHICLES

Vehicle access to the Temple is via Tudor Street. Vehicles must exit onto the Embankment (left turn only) between 7am and 8.30pm on weekdays. The only vehicle exit after 8.30pm on weekdays and at weekends is via Tudor Street.

PARKING

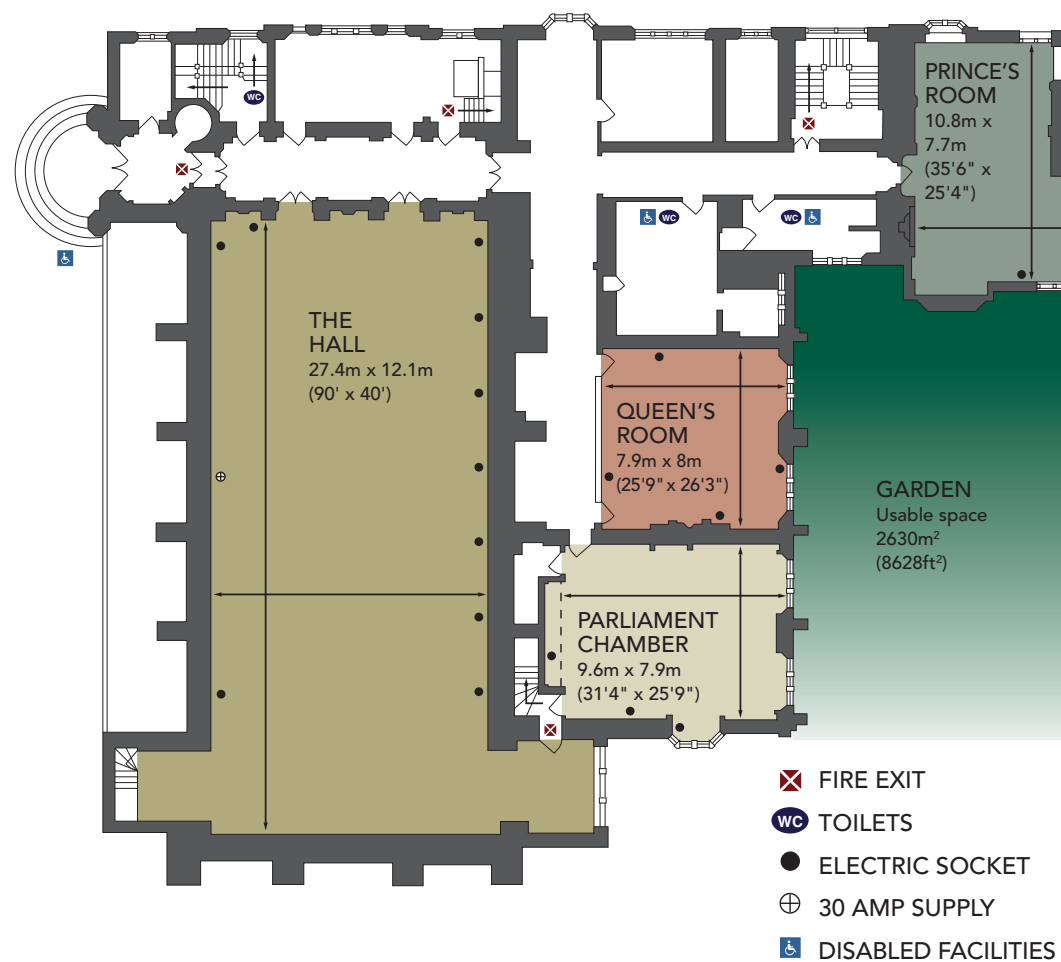
Limited parking space is available at weekends. There are no parking facilities on weekdays.

TAXIS

The easiest place to obtain a taxi when leaving Middle Temple Hall is Fleet Street.

PLEASE NOTE

The opening and closing times of all gates are subject to change without prior notice.



CONTACT US

WE ARE THE EVENTS TEAM AT MIDDLE TEMPLE

To get a clear idea of how your event can work here – and also a first-hand experience of Middle Temple as a venue – we highly recommend visiting us in person; we can then organise a personal 'show-around' for you.

In the first instance, we are here to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you and to creating a memorable occasion with you.

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WEDDINGS
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The Paschal lamb with halo and staff is known as "Agnus Dei" or Lamb of God. It is the adopted emblem of the Middle Temple and can be seen in many places around the Inn.