

WEDDINGS at COTTIERS

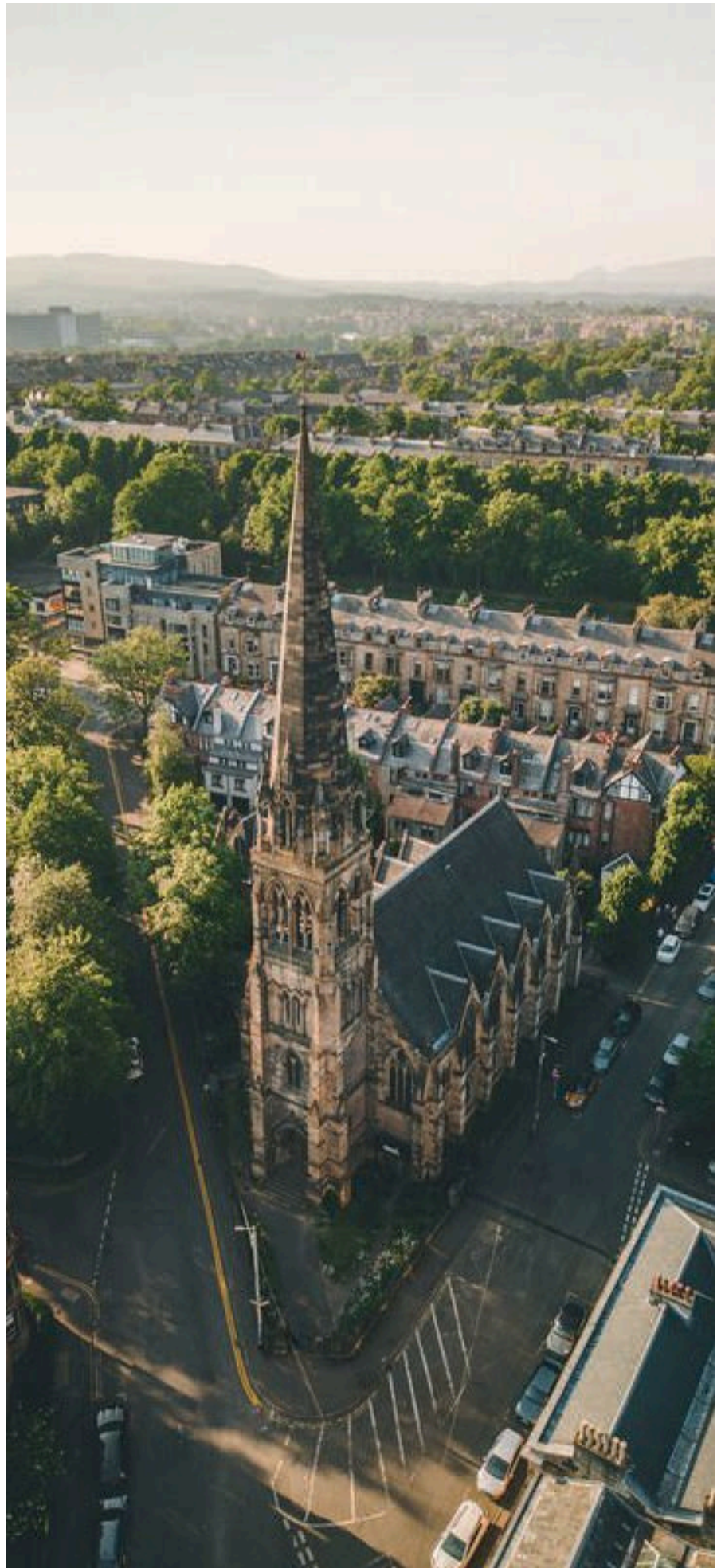
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Thank you for considering Cottiers for your special day.

Cottiers is a charming and truly unique venue situated in the former Dowanhill parish church in the heart of the West End, featuring remarkable stained glass by Daniel Cottier, ornate stonework and a fully restored Willis organ. If you're looking for a romantic and special environment that will wow your guests then Cottiers is the ideal setting.

With our dedicated wedding team in place the planning process is effortless, and you'll be expertly guided through every step. We work with you to create your dream wedding and our wedding coordinator will be there on the day making sure every detail is exactly right. We have a selection of menus and drinks options for you to choose from, or we can create a bespoke package entirely tailored to your needs.





What we offer

To hire Cottiers we charge £2350.
This includes the following;
Wedding coordinator
Theatre technician for the full day
In-house PA
Linen covers and napkins
Wooden cross back chairs
Fairy light canopy
Theatre lighting grid
Red carpet
Cake stand and knife
Menu Tasting
Room setup and break down
Security staff
Private room for the wedding couple

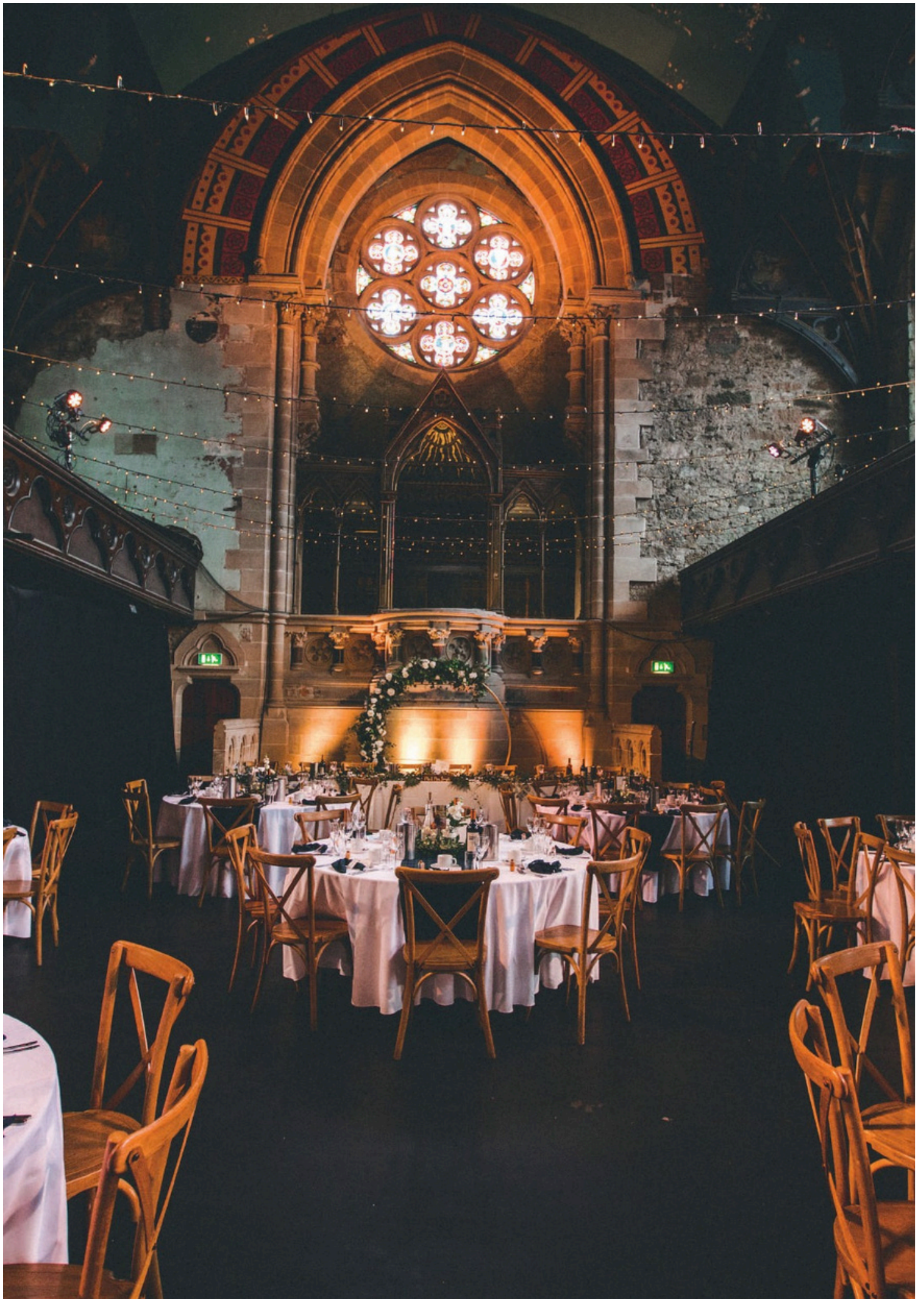
To hold your ceremony in Cottiers we charge £425.
Reception-only hire is £2100 and is available Sunday to Friday (7pm-1am), with a minimum of 100 guests and a required drink and food package at £27.50 per person, which includes a finger buffet and arrival drink.

For a Twilight Ceremony (including ceremony charge) we charge £2600.
If you are looking for an intimate wedding with smaller numbers, our sister venue Websters on Great Western Road is a perfect setting.

To book a showaround or discuss any of the above information further please email weddings@cottiers.com

For additional fees Cottiers can supply wedding flowers, organ hire and the ringing of the church bells.





Menus

Canapes £10per person
(£2.00 for extra canapes)

Wedding Breakfast

Selection of three-course dinners:

Menu A

Three-course dinner including two meat options
and a veggie option per course, with two desserts.
£60.00 per person

Menu B

Three-course dinner including one meat option
and one veggie option per course, with one dessert.
£50.00 per person

Menu C

Three-Course Family Sharing Menu
£48.50 per person

Menu D

Three-course BBQ dinner
£48.50 per person

All menus are served with tea and coffee

Evening menus

Breakfast rolls

Gourmet Pies

Finger buffet

Grazing boards

Street food buffet





Drinks packages

Fizz package

Includes a glass of fizz of your choice at the drinks reception, fizz for toasts and a half bottle of wine per person for the meal.

Cava £32.00 per person

Prosecco £36.00 per person

Rose Prosecco £36.00 per person

Champagne £74.00 per person

Cocktail package

Includes a cocktail at the drinks reception, prosecco for toasts and a half bottle of wine per person.

£46.50 per person

Cocktails available:

Margarita

Gin Fizz

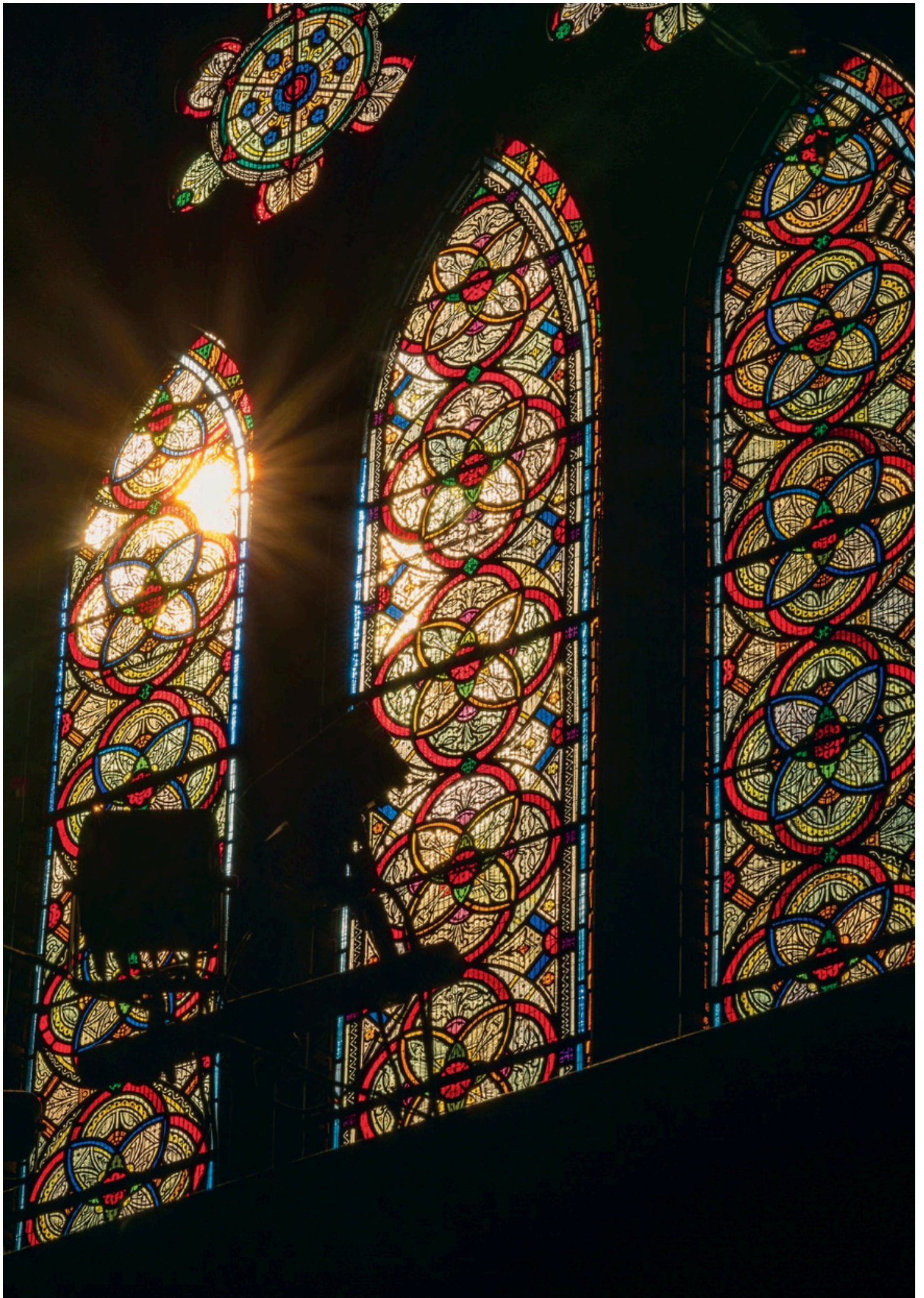
Negroni

Long Island Iced Tea

Daquiri

Spritz

Kir Royal



Order of service

Ceremony:

Ceremonies are set up in front of the room dividers with rows of seats and an optional red carpet central aisle. The ceremony takes place beneath the pulpit in front of the signing table.

Drinks receptions:

After the ceremony guests usually head outside for a group photo in front of the main church doors, then make their way upstairs to our restaurant attic space designed by William Leiper for a glass of fizz and canapes.

In the warmer months tables are reserved outside so guests can enjoy the use of a private beer garden. The theatre has its own exclusive bar for your use throughout the day, and can also be used as an alternative option for your drinks reception.

Wedding Breakfast:

Dinner takes place in the same area as the ceremony with the top table seated beneath the pulpit. The maximum capacity for dinner is over 11 tables with 8-12 on each. You have the option of a long or round top table. You also have the choice of cabaret-style or banquet-style seating.

Reception:

After the meal we ask your guests to make their way into the theatre bar area. The dividers would again be closed and the second room turnaround takes place. At this time your band or DJ set up and sound check. Tables are moved to beneath the balconies making room for the dance floor.

Set up:

Our dedicated wedding team dress the room according to your requests: including table dressing, cake dressing, setting up candy buffets, laying aisle runners etc. We're also happy to work with florists and other vendors to ensure the theatre is set to your exact specifications. We will then pack everything up at the end of the evening, ready for collection by 11am the next day.



Our Venue

Cottiers interior stained glass and decoration is by Daniel Cottier an internationally famous designer from Glasgow who lived from 1838 to 1891.

Cottier originally made his name decorating three Glasgow churches and Dowanhill Church, built in 1865-66 and designed by William Leiper, is the only church interior that survives from Cottier's early days as an artist decorator and stained glass designer.

Dowanhill Church, was in a dire condition when Four Acres Charitable Trust was formed to try and rescue the building and recover its glorious interior. The roof structure was failing and the steeple with its magnificent bell chamber was in serious disrepair. At that time the stained glass was intact but Daniel Cottier's decoration had been painted over in the 1960s. The magnificent Father Willis organ had also been mistreated and vandalised.

During the 1990s Four Acres Charitable Trust painstakingly restored the damaged roof structure and stonework and brought the building back into use as an arts venue supported by a popular bar. Named after Daniel Cottier, Cottiers attracted many famous names from music and comedy including acts such as Amy Winehouse and Bill Bailey.

Funds were then raised from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to restore the steeple and bell, conserve the stained glass and organ and its surrounding decoration.



During this period the international work of Daniel Cottier was fully researched with the publication of a book in 2021 entitled "Daniel Cottier, Designer, Decorator, Dealer" by Petra ten-Doesschate, Max Donnelly, Andrew Montana and Suzanne Veldink, covering the artist's influential career from Australia to USA with lavish illustrations.

Four Acres Charitable Trust continues to own and operate the building and through the success of Cottiers it has been possible to support further restoration work and to make progress restoring another beautiful church building, Websters Theatre, formerly Lansdowne Church, on Great Western Road. The popularity of Cottiers as a wedding venue has over the past 12 years helped to make the continuing work of the trust possible.

May 6th 2024 marked the 40th anniversary of the date in 1984 when Four Acres Charitable Trust first took ownership of Dowanhill Church and began its transformation to fulfil its new role at the heart of the community in Glasgow's West End.



Recommended Suppliers:

Flowers: Erin Edwards: elsiewrenwildflowers.com
Hey Bud Flowers: www.heybud-flowers.com

Event Decor:

Helvetica Neue LT Std

Photography:

Peter Stevenson peter.j.stevensonphotography@gmail.com
Top table Photography <https://toptablephotography.com/>

Band:

The Big Papas: www.thebigpapas.co.uk
Fiore Wedding band fioreweddingband@gmail.com
www.fioreweddingband.co.uk

Ceilidh Bands:

The Jiggers www.thejiggers.co.uk
Big Stupit' Ceilidh Band www.bigstupitceilidh.com

DJ's:

Fresh www.freshentertainments.com
Craig at Southside DJ's southsidedj.co.uk

Honeymoon:

four seasons campers
www.fourseasonscampers.com

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