WEDDINGS at COTTIERS 2029

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

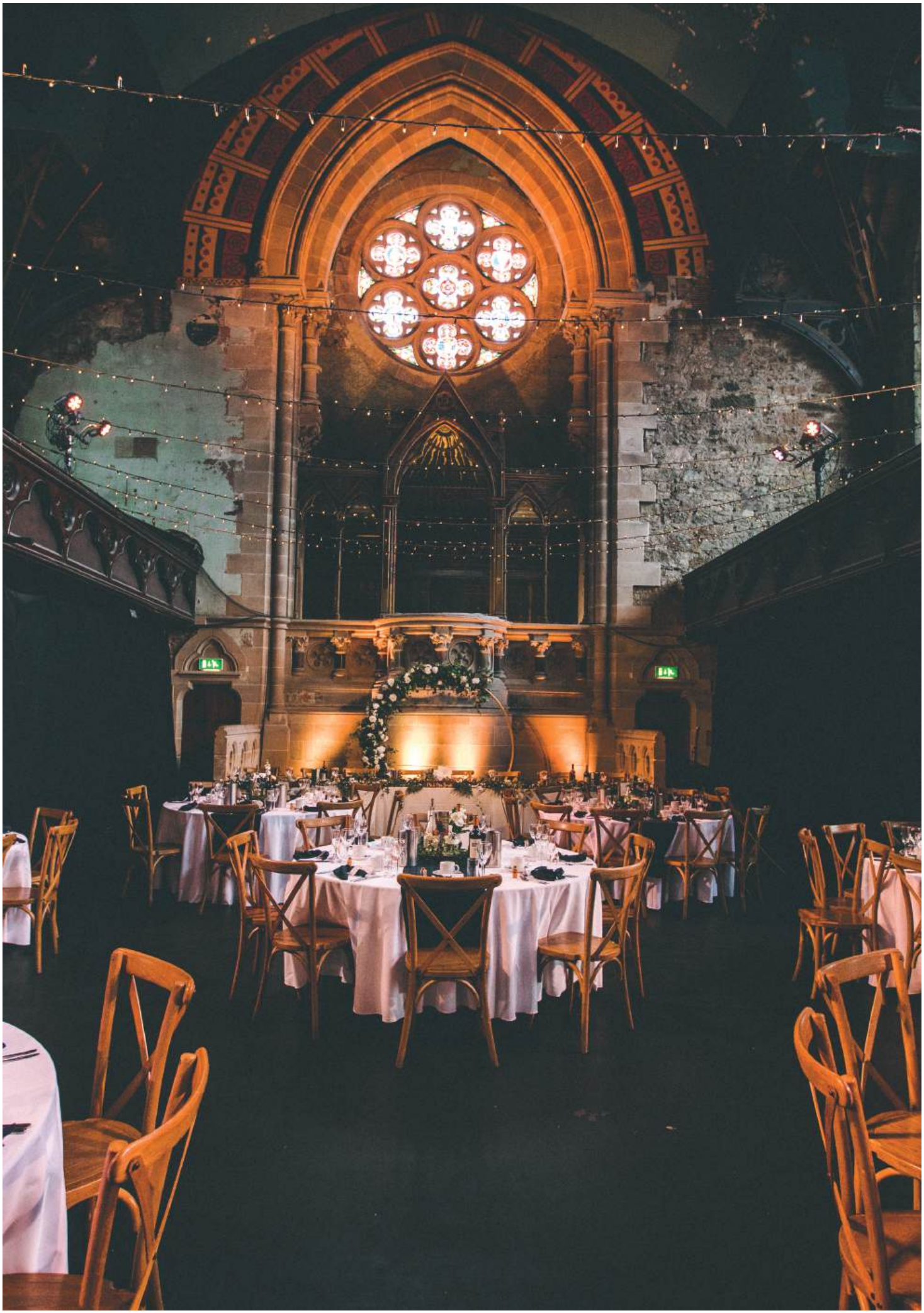
To hire Cottiers for a full day wedding we charge £2950.
To hold your ceremony in Cottiers we charge £495
This includes the following;
Wedding coordinator
Theatre technician for the full day
In-house PA
Linen tablecloths and napkins
Wooden cross back chairs
Fairy light canopy
Theatre lighting grid
Cake stand and knife
Menu Tasting
Room setup and break down
Security staff
Private room for belongings
Private toilets for wedding guests

Reception-only hire is £2650 and is available Sunday to Friday (7pm-1am), with a minimum of 100 guests and a required drink and food package at £35 per person, which includes a finger buffet and arrival drink. Saturdays are reserved for full days (with or without a ceremony).

For a Twilight Wedding (including ceremony charge) we charge £3500. (Available Sunday - Friday. Please see below for further information on our Twilight wedding package.).
If you are looking for an intimate wedding with smaller numbers, our sister venue The Kelvin 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 ring the church bells, and our fully restored organ can be played during your ceremony.



Menus

Canapes £14 per person
(£2.00 for extra canapes)

Wedding Breakfast

Menu A

Three-course dinner including two meat options
and a veggie option per course, with two desserts.
£72 per person

Menu B

Three-course dinner including one meat option
and one veggie option per course, with one dessert.
£64.00 per person

Menu C

BBQ Buffet with dessert
£59.50 per person

All menus served with a tea and coffee station

Evening menus

Breakfast rolls £6.75

Gourmet Pies £7.50

Finger buffet £29 (4 options)

Street food buffet £29pp (4 options)

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 £39.50 per person

Prosecco £46 per person

Rose Prosecco £46 per person

Crémant £56 per person

Champagne £96.50 per person

Cocktail package

Includes a cocktail at the drinks reception, prosecco for toasts and a half bottle of wine per person.
£59.50 per person

Cocktails available:

Margarita

Negroni

Daquiri

Aperol Spritz

Kir Royal

Order of service

Ceremony:

Ceremonies are set up in front of the room dividers with rows of seats.
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 our iconic church doors, then either make their way upstairs to our restaurant attic space designed by William Leiper for a glass of fizz and canapes.
In the warmer months guests can make use of our private wedding garden, which overlooks Hyndland Street and is serviced by the theatre bar. 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, setting up candy buffets, laying aisle runners etc. We're also happy to work with florists and other vendor's 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.

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Twilight Weddings

For couples who'd prefer a less formal arrangement, our Twilight Weddings offer all the unique features of Cottiers on a shorter time frame, omitting a sit-down dinner and working to a schedule tailored to your vision for your wedding.

Proceedings often start later in the day, the better to enjoy the venue's uniquely elegant atmosphere, and comprise of the ceremony followed by reception drinks and canapes, with an evening buffet later in the night.

Twilight Weddings are available year-round from Sunday to Friday, but any day of the week during January and February, and as with all of our packages our dedicated team will be on hand to ensure the perfect evening.

Our prices for Twilight Weddings in 2029 are as follows:

Venue hire & Ceremony £3500
Twilight Package £55 per person

Our twilight package includes;

Prosecco or Peroni following your ceremony
Selection of three canapes for your reception
Prosecco toast for speeches
Finger buffet for your evening reception

Minimum number for ceremony guests is 80 people

Our Venue

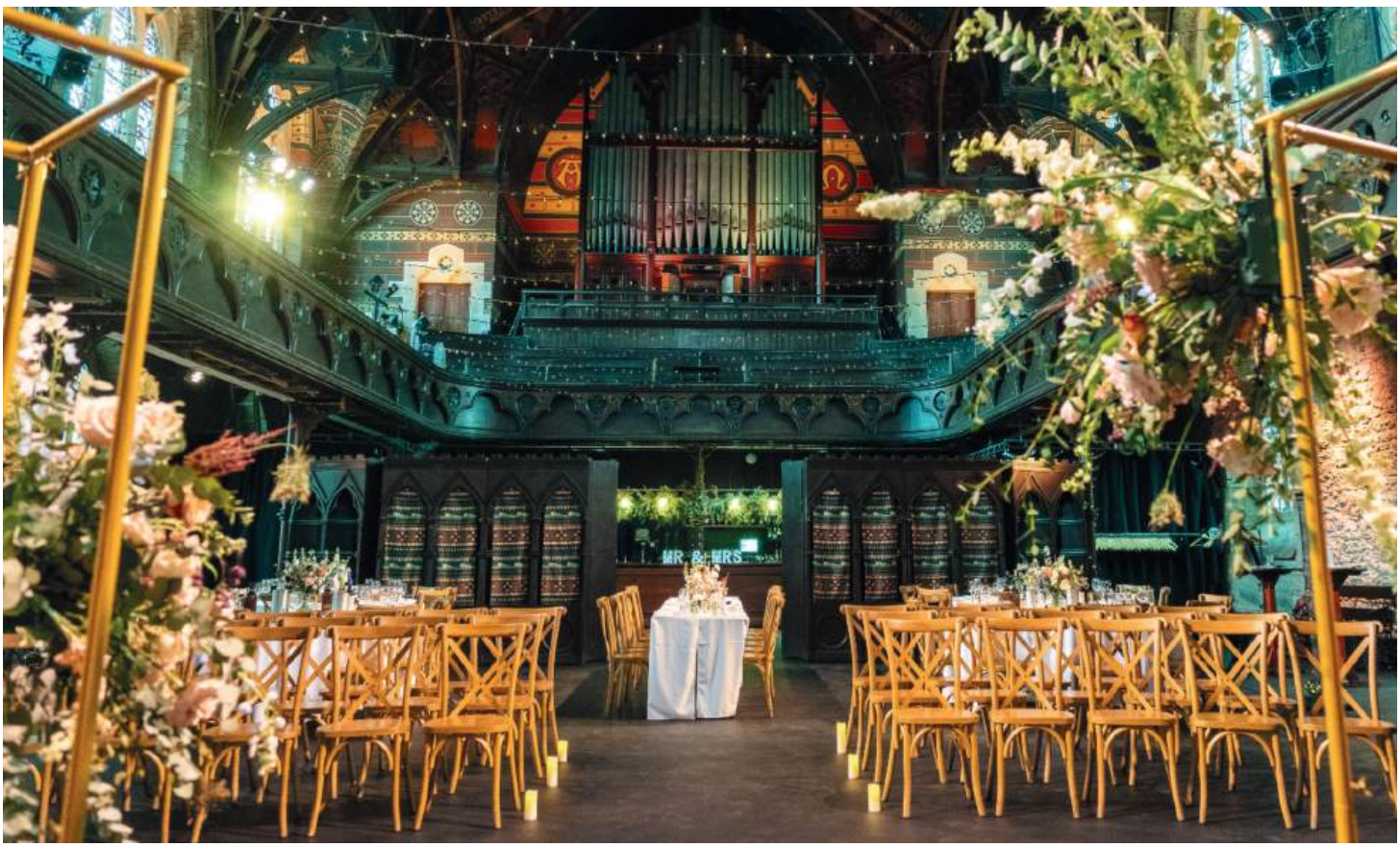
Cottiers interior stained glass and decoration is by Daniel Cottier an internationally famous designer from Glasgow who lived from 1838 to 1891.

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:

Florists:
Elsie Wren Wildflowers elsiewrenflorals@gmail.com
Neptune Studios flowers@neptunestudios.co.uk
Floral Menagerie floralmenagerie@gmail.com

Event Decor:
Make Believe Events info@makebelieveevents.co.uk
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