

Broughton St Mary's Parish Church

Guide for Users of Church Facilities (Dec 2017)

1. Description of Church Facilities

Broughton St Mary's is an elegant church building in the eastern New Town of Edinburgh, a World Heritage Site. Completed in 1824, the building has an A-listing which reflects the importance of its architecture. It occupies the centre of Bellevue Crescent, an unchanged Georgian terrace, with an open outlook to the East across public gardens and with a small, private garden at the rear of the building.

There are 5 room areas available for hire midweek & evenings plus access to a small kitchen. There is no availability on a Sunday morning due to church use.

Room	Capacity	Description
Sanctuary	300	Large open space, seating for 200 in horse-shoe shaped pews around a central wooden floored area which is fully flexible, suitable for activities such as dancing but also with capacity for an additional 80-100 free standing chairs which can be arranged in any formation. There is a raised platform to the front with moveable furniture There is an organ in the gallery & a grand piano available for hire. A small amount of PA equipment & a projector/screen can also be hired
Barony	15	Small carpeted room, generally used for young Children including nursery toys but can be used for other things
Bellevue	15-20	Small carpeted room, well-fitted with electrical power supplies suitable for general use
Drummond	50-70	Average size carpeted rectangular room with an upright piano & a blank white wall that can be used for projection facilities
Garden Room	40-60	Semi circular conservatory room with lino flooring & direct access to the secluded Garden to the rear of the church through full-length glazed panels. Seating can be cafe or classroom style with easy access to the kitchen Very suited to private parties.
Kitchen	6	Well fitted small kitchen, can cater for reasonable numbers particularly for serving light meals & refreshments

The church is fully accessible with disabled access to the downstairs & garden area via a ramped entrance and access to the upstairs sanctuary space via a lift. There are 2 disabled toilets, both suitable for wheelchair users & 1 includes a sluice hoist.

Broughton St Mary's is a multi-purpose & multi-user building, anyone hiring the building should be mindful of other users & their needs. If exclusive use is required for a hire this must be mentioned at time of enquiry and will only be possible subject to availability.

Link to Pictures of some of the rooms

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10154858151795933.1073741831.349975925932&type=1&l=abb9f870bb>

2. Guide to Charges

Prices are currently under review for 2018. Details will be published when available.

3. Code of Practice for Users

- 3.1** Each group using the facilities is responsible for observing all relevant legislation and regulations. This includes, but is not restricted to, Equal Opportunities legislation, Health and Safety Regulations, Children's legislation and regulations and Race Relations legislation. The Hirer is responsible for ensuring this requirement is met by the group and its members.
- 3.2** There is ZERO TOLERANCE of the use of drugs or any other illegal substance on or near the premises. Any group or individual in breach will be immediately barred from the premises and prohibited from future entry.
- 3.3** Smoking is not permitted within the church premises, grounds or garden area.
- 3.4** Alcohol may not be sold as the church is unlicensed. Any hirer doing so may be liable to criminal prosecution. Alcohol provided free of charge may be consumed subject to prior arrangement with the church administrator.
- 3.5** Users are requested to leave the premises in a clean & tidy state, returning furniture to its original position if moved. Access to the cleaning cupboard can be arranged to facilitate this. All rubbish should be removed from the premises. The church reserves the right to charge any groups where additional cleaning is necessary post their use.
- 3.6** Any damage caused to the property, furniture or equipment of the church must be reported immediately to the church administrator or a member of the church. The church reserves the right to charge the Hirer for the costs of repair or replacement.
- 3.7** If an individual or group intends to advertise their use of the premises the church reserves the right to inspect any material (printed/electronic) prior to use and to prohibit anything considered inappropriate.
- 3.8** All children under the age of sixteen must be supervised at all times by their parents or other carers. Children must not be allowed to interfere with any potentially dangerous equipment such as the lift, fire equipment and the disabled toilet hoist. Children under the age of eight are prohibited from the kitchen area unless under strict supervision.
- 3.9** Users are asked to respect the privacy of other user groups, church staff or volunteers at all times & also respect the local residents leaving quietly particularly when late at night.
- 3.10** The Hirer is responsible for familiarising his or herself with the Fire Safety notices and the location of fire exits, ensuring that fire exits remain clear at all times. All groups should have their own fire evacuation plan.
- 3.11** Where the Hirer is allocated a key and alarm code this is for their specific use and should not be shared across their group. All open & close procedures should be followed accurately.
- 3.12** The insurance policy held by the church only covers groups sponsored by or directly connected to the church. Other groups should make their own insurance arrangements as appropriate for any liability & property cover.
- 3.13** The church holds a licence from the Performing Rights Society for the performance of music and the playing of recorded music by its own organisations and by itself. This licence does not cover these activities for organisations not sponsored by the church. The responsibility for observing copyright legislation lies with any person or organisation using the church facilities, unless they are part of a church organisation.
- 3.14** No equipment should be left on the church premises unless previously agreed with the Church Administrator / Property Manager. The storage area is not locked & anything left is at the owner's risk. The church will not accept any liability for damage or loss whilst goods are stored on church premises. Organisations may wish to make their own insurance arrangements to cover this.
- 3.15** In the event of any accidents, please report these to the Church Administrator or a member of the church for recording. If no person is available on site please email the Office mailbox.
- 3.16** Rooms will not normally be heated between April and September depending on the weather. Additional heating requests should be made to the church administrator.

4. Booking Procedures

Enquiries concerning bookings should initially be made to the Church Administrator either in person, via the telephone or email (see contact details below).

An indication of availability and costs will be given and, if agreed, a provisional booking will be made in the facilities diary.

To confirm a booking an Application Form must be completed and sent to the Church Administrator. All bookings will be confirmed electronically (where possible) & depending on the hire a deposit or full payment may be requested immediately.

Cancellation Policy - In the event of a cancellation the church reserves the right to charge the following

Notice Period	Cost of Hire
➤ ≥ 4 weeks	No Charge
➤ > 2 weeks	25%
➤ > 1 week	50%
➤ ≤ 1 week	100%

The church reserves the right to refuse any application for the use of the facilities.

5. Contact Details

Church Administrator: Lindsey Rowlands. Tel: 0131 556 4252

E-Mail: bookings@bstmchurch.org.uk or admin@bstmchurch.org.uk

6. Church Details

Edinburgh: Broughton St Mary's Parish Church (Church of Scotland)

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Website: www.bstmchurch.org.uk

Minister:

Registered Scottish Charity – SC 012642