

## Building Hire FAQ

### Q. How can I book the building?

Please contact us at [enquiries@stanneslimehouse.org](mailto:enquiries@stanneslimehouse.org). Please note that as the building is a Christian place of worship we may need to decline bookings for certain kinds of events. If in doubt, please discuss your event with us.

### Q. What is the capacity of the building?

**Church-** The assessed fire safe capacity of the main church is 462 people. The eastern half of the nave is flexible and can seat up to 100 or so around tables.

**Crypt-** We can seat perhaps 40 around tables; a larger number can be accommodated for a standing reception or similar.

### Q. Do you have tables and chairs which we can use?

Yes:

- 8 standard trestle tables (for up to 6 people)

- 2 large trestle tables (for up to 8 people)

- 4 small trestle tables (for up to 4 people)

- Approx. 80 chairs (plastic + metal)

- We also have child-height tables and chairs

- Sofas (seating 6 people in church; 12 people in crypt)

- Around 190 cushioned chairs in the church

### Q. Can we serve alcohol?

Yes, although please bear in mind that the building is first and foremost a Christian place of worship! We are not a licensed premises and so if you wish to sell alcohol you must arrange your own temporary events license with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

### Q. Can we use the kitchen?

Yes. Our domestic-style galley kitchen is located in the crypt, equipped with cooker and microwave. Please feel free to use our cutlery, plates, cups, serving trays and so on. You can use the dishwasher, dishwasher pods, bin liners, and the other cleaning equipment.

### Q. How many toilets are there?

Ladies: 3 cubicles + a baby change; gents: 1 cubicle, 2 urinals + baby change; accessible toilet. Our toilets are located in the crypt.

### Q. Can we use the car park?

Yes. We have 16 marked bays. Please let us know if you expect to use many spaces so that we can confirm that they are not needed for other users during your event.

There's also free on-street parking on Three Colt Street and Newell Street in the evenings and at weekends.

**Q. Is the building wheelchair accessible?**

We are sorry that our 300-year-old building isn't very accessible (although we're working on it!). For example, people using a wheelchair who attend our Sunday service are helped up the steps at the main entrance. Those who have limited mobility may find the north steps easier to navigate as there is a handrail. Since the toilets are in the crypt there is another internal staircase to navigate if accessing them from the church. Entering the crypt from the churchyard also involves using stairs but there are fewer than to access the main church. We would welcome donations towards our lift fund:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10411#!/DonationDetails>

**Q. Can we visit the church to look around in advance?**

Yes of course. The church is currently open on Thursdays (9am - 3.30pm), and Fridays & Saturdays (10am - 4pm). The church staff work in the church on Thursdays and we would be happy to show you around. We may occasionally be closed for private events.

**Q. How much does it cost?**

Our fees for 2022/23 are as follows:

**Church-**

up to 5 hours: £500 + £200 fair use deposit\*

over 5 hours: £950 + £200 fair use deposit\*

**Crypt-**

£55/hour + £100 fair use deposit\*

Discounts apply for community and Christian uses – please enquire for details. Special rates apply for filming, and for exclusive use of the whole building – please enquire for details.

\*fair use deposit: refundable subject to church being left in an acceptable condition, keys returned on time, etc.