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Hidden beneath historic Lancashire streets is The Crypt at Blackburn Cathedral, a venue like no other - perfect for a variety of events.

Our historic surroundings offer a stunning blend of centuries-old stonework and handcrafted arches. Match these with modern facilities, and you have the ideal venue.

From the fully refurbished main Crypt, to the strikingly modern and newly remodelled Builder's Yard - it is one of the region's most memorable event spaces.

The unique appearance and large capacity make it an exceptional location for private functions, receptions and dinners, exclusive corporate events, live performances and art installations.

The Crypt can be transformed to meet your requirements, whilst our catering team provide delicious hospitality, all carefully aligned to suit your budget.

With timeless charm and modern facilities, find out why there is genuinely nothing quite like...

The Crypt at Blackburn Cathedral



BUILT FOR THE FUTURE

Within The Crypt, a separate area - where talented Cathedral stonemasons honed their skills - is affectionately known as The Builder's Yard.

Once a disused area, this historic space has been reimagined and meticulously transformed into a stylish venue that balances history with modern luxury.

APPEARANCE

The Crypt delivers a striking contrast between exposed, original brickwork and contemporary oak detailing. The space is fully soundproofed and features intelligent lighting allowing you to tailor the atmosphere to your needs.

This highly flexible area provides a sleek, professional backdrop - ideal for hosting high-profile corporate meetings, talks and presentations, interactive training sessions, or to bring people together for informal networking events.

HOSPITALITY

From planning to event execution, we'll work with you to tailor this versatile space to your precise needs. Whether you require a sophisticated working lunch, canapés for networking, or bespoke menus crafted by our chefs, we provide the hospitality to elevate your event.

LAYOUT

You can tailor this versatile space, and layout options include theatre, conference, boardroom, classroom, cabaret and banquet, as well as standing receptions.



DOWN TO **BUSINESS**

With our atmospheric spaces and experienced team, we handle corporate events of every scale and style, ensuring whatever your plans, we deliver it flawlessly.

We bring your event vision to life by combining events expertise and the flexibility to accommodate your precise requirements.

EVENTS

The type of events we host include:

- Conferences and seminars
- Networking events
- Workshops and training days
- Trade shows
- Product launches
- Corporate meetings
- Talks and panel discussions
- Team-building sessions
- Award ceremonies

Plus:

- Drinks receptions
- Celebrations and socials
- Staff parties and corporate gatherings

STYLING

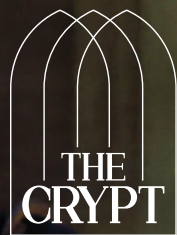
You can successfully reflect your brand through creative venue dressing and we welcome discussions around custom theming and on-brand styling.

CAPACITY

The venue capacity will depend upon your chosen layout and specific requirements.

AVAILABILITY

The Crypt is available for daytime and evening hire, subject to availability and other activities taking place across the Cathedral estate.



PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

Whatever the occasion, we're ready to help you celebrate milestone moments in our unique, historic surroundings.

The Crypt is the perfect place to host intimate celebrations, special anniversaries, and larger private, family gatherings.

EVENTS

The type of events we host include:

- Special birthdays
- Engagement parties
- Wedding receptions
- Milestone anniversaries
- Wakes and celebrations of life
- Baby showers and gender reveals
- Christening celebrations
- Family reunions
- Private gatherings
- Retirement parties
- Society and association dinners

STYLING

We are happy to discuss styling options to ensure our spaces perfectly match the theme of your occasion.

CAPACITY

The venue capacity will depend upon your chosen layout and specific requirements.

AVAILABILITY

The Crypt is available for daytime and evening hire, subject to availability and other activities taking place across the Cathedral estate.



TAKE TO THE STAGE

As a self-contained venue, The Crypt is ideal for live events - from concerts, intimate sessions and theatre performances, to fashion shows and stand-up comedy.

With outstanding acoustics and unique historic atmosphere, The Crypt is perfect for small-scale live performances.

SPACE

This dramatic heritage space is ideal for headline performances, and our versatile approach means the layout can be configured to your precise requirements. We give you creative freedom to bring your live event vision to life.

EXPERIENCE

We host a wide range of live events including live music, DJ sets, theatre and other artistic performances. Our team are equipped to turn ambitious ideas into reality; whatever you need to make your event a success, we offer the skills and experience to make it happen.

CAPACITY

The venue capacity will depend upon your chosen layout and specific requirements.

SUPPORT

We can support your event by providing backstage, green rooms and VIP areas. We can also provide ticketing and guest lists, stewarding, and security.

PROMOTION

Our expert marketing and communications team can support the promotion of your event through our established marketing channels.



Horace Lindezey + The Making Rooms. © Jules Lister.



Hannah Fox + Cardboard Box Company. © GS Visuals.



Lucy + Jorge Orta, Homo Mondialis. © Matthew Savage.

YOUR BLANK CANVAS

Our distinctive spaces and flexible approach allow cultural organisations to bring innovative art installations and exhibitions to the region.

This distinctive, historic setting provides an exceptional space to showcase creative works and curated exhibitions.



Emily Tonge + Zara Saghir, Material Memory. © Matthew Savage.



Liaqat Rasul + Herbert Parkinson. © Robin Zahler.



Horace Lindezey + The Making Rooms. © Jules Lister.

FLEXIBILITY

We can facilitate the creative takeover of our spaces via the installation of temporary wall panels, dividers and display panels for example, to ensure the space delivers your desired visual impact.

EXPERIENCE

For many years, The Crypt has been a host partner for internationally-acclaimed festivals and exhibitions including The National Festival of Making, The British Textile Biennial and Art in Manufacturing.

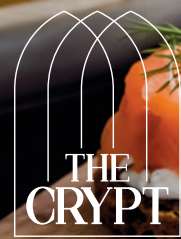
SUPPORT

Our experienced team is on hand to help complement your installation with launch events, private viewings and VIP sessions. We can also provide comprehensive event support, including ticketing, stewarding, and security.

PROMOTION

Our expert marketing and communications team can support the promotion of your event through our established marketing channels.





HOSPITALITY EXCELLENCE

Our highly experienced, in-house catering team provide expertly crafted dining solutions, delivered by a friendly team who ensure your individual demands are met.

Let our talented chefs create the perfect menu for your occasion using fresh, seasonal ingredients.

OPTIONS

Whether it's relaxed platters or buffets, an elegant multi-course dining menu or something in-between, we are at your disposal to create delicious dishes tailored to a range of per-head budgets.

BESPOKE MENUS

You can choose from our carefully curated seasonal menus, or work directly with our Head Chef to design a bespoke culinary experience that is unique to your event.

SAMPLE MENUS

Although each event is different, we can provide sample menus for inspiration.

MENU TASTING

For larger events we offer the opportunity to preview and sample your chosen menu during an exclusive tasting session.

BAR

The Crypt has its own bar and we are happy to offer flexible options, including pre-paid accounts or competitively priced, hot and cold beverages with payments accepted via cash, card or mobile.

SERVICE

All events benefit from a friendly, personal service provided by our experienced front-of-house team, who are dedicated to ensuring the success of your event.



UNRIVALLED FACILITIES

The Crypt's unique atmosphere blends historic charm with state-of-the-art facilities, offering unrivalled spaces for your next event.

With dedicated guest entrances directly from Cathedral Square and highly flexible spaces, The Crypt is the perfect choice for a variety of events.

LAYOUT

The Crypt layout can be customised to meet your needs and we offer further venue enhancements - including raised platforms, staging, backstage, breakout, screening and VIP areas - giving you the ultimate flexibility to configure the space as required.

ACCESSIBILITY

There is level access into, from and around The Crypt. There is also a wheelchair lift, enabling easy access to the rest of the Cathedral building.

TOILETS

The space has separate male, female and accessible Changing Places® toilets.

TECHNICAL

Advanced, remote-controlled lighting offers the flexibility to adapt the ambience, whilst soundproofed areas and a range of audiovisual options can be accommodated. The Crypt has high-speed guest WiFi.

CAPACITY

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THE IDEAL LOCATION

As one of Lancashire's key locations, Blackburn is an economic and cultural hub in the North West, boasting outstanding local, regional and national transport links.

The Cathedral is in Blackburn town centre within a minute's walk of the railway station and bus interchange.

ROAD

Blackburn town centre benefits from easy access to the wider region via the M65, M61, M55 and M6 motorways.

RAIL

Regional rail links from Preston, Bolton, Blackpool, Manchester, Leeds and York connect directly to Blackburn. London Euston can be reached within 2½ hours.

AIR

Manchester Airport, the UK's third largest airport is just 33 miles away.

PARKING

There are many public car parks within easy walking distance, however there is no dedicated guest parking at the Cathedral.

ACCOMMODATION

The local area offers a wide choice of overnight options to suit all budgets - from simple lodgings to award-winning, Michelin-starred, five-star hotels.

For the ultimate convenience, there is a Premier Inn hotel located right next door, in Cathedral Square.

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