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A Joy for all Seasons

LOWING GOLD AND CRIMSON in Winter, overflowing with scented flowers in Summer, *St John's Gate* and its *Priory Garden* are perfect venues in which to celebrate the British Seasons.

The historic rooms are *simultaneously grand and intimate*, providing an ideal location for weddings, receptions, dinners, lunches, lectures, concerts, conferences and meetings.



At Christmas, the *Chapter Hall* blazes with colour and its enormous chandelier sparkles. In the Spring the *Priory Garden* bursts into flower and by Midsummer its shady benches are surrounded by swathes of *lavender, roses, thyme, sage and poppies*.

The Museum of the Order of St John is licensed for *marriages* to take place in the *Chapter Hall* and *Council Chamber*.





Events

EVENTS AT ST JOHN'S GATE have a *magical quality*. Visitors are amazed by the wealth of *unimagined treasures* concealed within the Gate's enigmatic exterior.



All who enter are captivated by its *extraordinary history*, *atmospheric rooms* and *stunning decorative detail*. Any event, whether it be corporate or social, may be combined with a *private tour* of the historic buildings and the galleries.



From meetings, concerts and lectures to receptions, recitals and dinners, events at the Gate are *special from the start*.





The Chapter Hall

EMBELLISHED WITH THE MEDÆVAL and modern *coats of arms of the Priors*, the *Chapter Hall of the Order of St John* provides a distinguished setting for large meetings, banquets, lunches and receptions.



With furniture dating from the seventeenth century, imposing *portraits of British monarchs and Order dignitaries* and a *superb chandelier* from the Farnese Palace in Rome, the Chapter Hall combines *beauty and splendour* to *exquisite effect*.



CAPACITY

- Reception: 200
 - Lunch, dinner, marriage or meeting: 100
 - Disabled access by arrangement
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The Council Chamber

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, dating from 1504, has an *evocative and intimate atmosphere*. The windows are beautifully set with *Whitefriars Glass* and the walls are panelled with plaques to the memory of *Knights and Dames of the Order of St John*.



On either side of the *Council Chamber* the Gate's towers contain a *sixteenth century spiral stair* that survived the Great Fire; the *Library* with its remarkable collection of manuscripts and incunabula; and the *Malta Room*, furnished with pieces from the grand palaces of Valletta and Mdina and with seventeenth century panoramas of Valletta's fortifications. Venue hire can include *private tours* of the Gate's historic rooms.



CAPACITY

- *Marriage: 20, Reception: 50*
 - *Lunch, dinner or meeting: 30*
 - *Disabled access by arrangement*
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The Old Chancery

AN ECCENTRIC ELIZABETHAN fireplace carved with twining *serpents, fruit and curious beasts* dominates the Old Chancery, which is used as an anteroom to either the Chapter Hall or the Council Chamber.



The Old Chancery also contains a selection of the Museum's *renowned collection of silver*, and stained glass windows set with Order symbols.



It is the perfect space for greeting guests, registering delegates or enjoying pre-prandial drinks.



CAPACITY

- *Drinks or registration:*
20 at any one time
- *Disabled access by arrangement*





The Prior's Dining Room

WELCOMING AND ELEGANT, and containing some of the Museum's most *important paintings*, the Prior's Dining Room is ideal for small private meetings, lunches or dinners.



With its atmosphere of formal tranquillity it is perfect for quiet, stylish and intimate occasions.



CAPACITY

- *Lunch, dinner or meeting: 10*
 - *No disabled access*
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The Galleries

WITHIN THE GALLERIES of the Museum of the Order of St John, the *venerable Tudor walls* of the Gate are elegantly complemented by *sleek modern detailing*



During the day the large glass roof floods the space with natural light. At night, *dramatic illumination* of the stone walls creates an *impressive setting* for receptions and lectures.



A wall combining AV screens with incised stone tells the Order's history, and the *treasures of the Museum's collections* are shown in a series of fascinating displays.



CAPACITY

- Reception: 100
 - Lunch, dinner or meeting: 30
 - Disabled access
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The Priory Church

ACOUSTICALLY PERFECT and visually satisfying, the *understated grandeur* of the Priory Church of the Order of St John always comes as a surprise when first one enters through its unassuming front door.



Adorned with paintings and Order banners, its *large, light space* is used for concerts, lectures, lunches and dinners.



CAPACITY

- *Lunch, dinner, concert or meeting: 200*
 - *Disabled access*
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The Crypt of the Priory Church

BENEATH THE PRIORY CHURCH, the Norman Crypt is one of the few London buildings of its period and is powerfully evocative of its history.



Romanesque and Gothic arches, memorial plaques, beautiful glass and fascinating tomb effigies embellish this *uniquely tranquil and numinous space*, which is reserved for lectures, music, meetings and contemplation.



CAPACITY

- *Concert or meeting:* 150
 - *No disabled access*
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The Priory Garden

FULL OF FLOWERS and *fragrant medicinal herbs*, the Priory Garden is a *haven of peace* in the bustling energy of Clerkenwell.



It is frequently used for *champagne receptions* after wedding ceremonies in St John's Gate, and *summer parties* are a joy when held amongst drifts of lavender and roses in the shade of the *200 year old olive tree* at the heart of the garden.



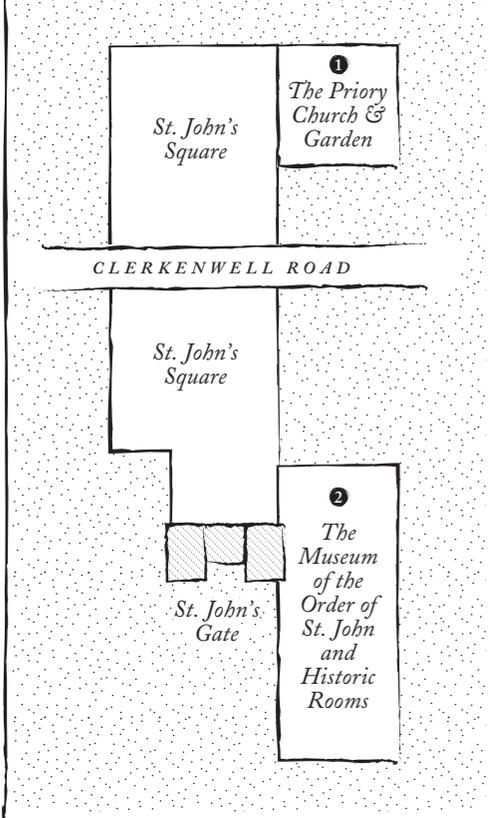
If the weather suddenly misbehaves, there is no need to despair: the adjacent *Priory Gallery* is warm and welcoming!



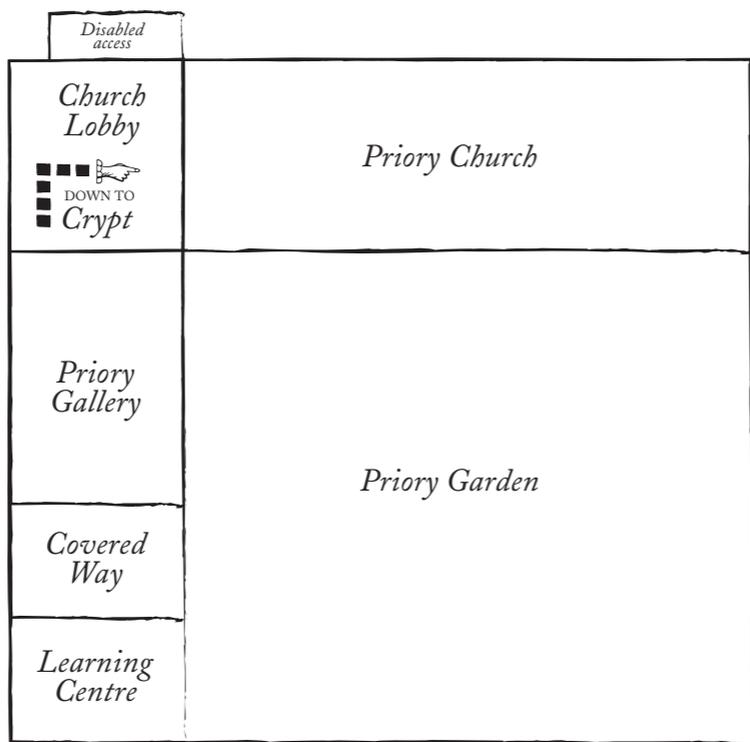
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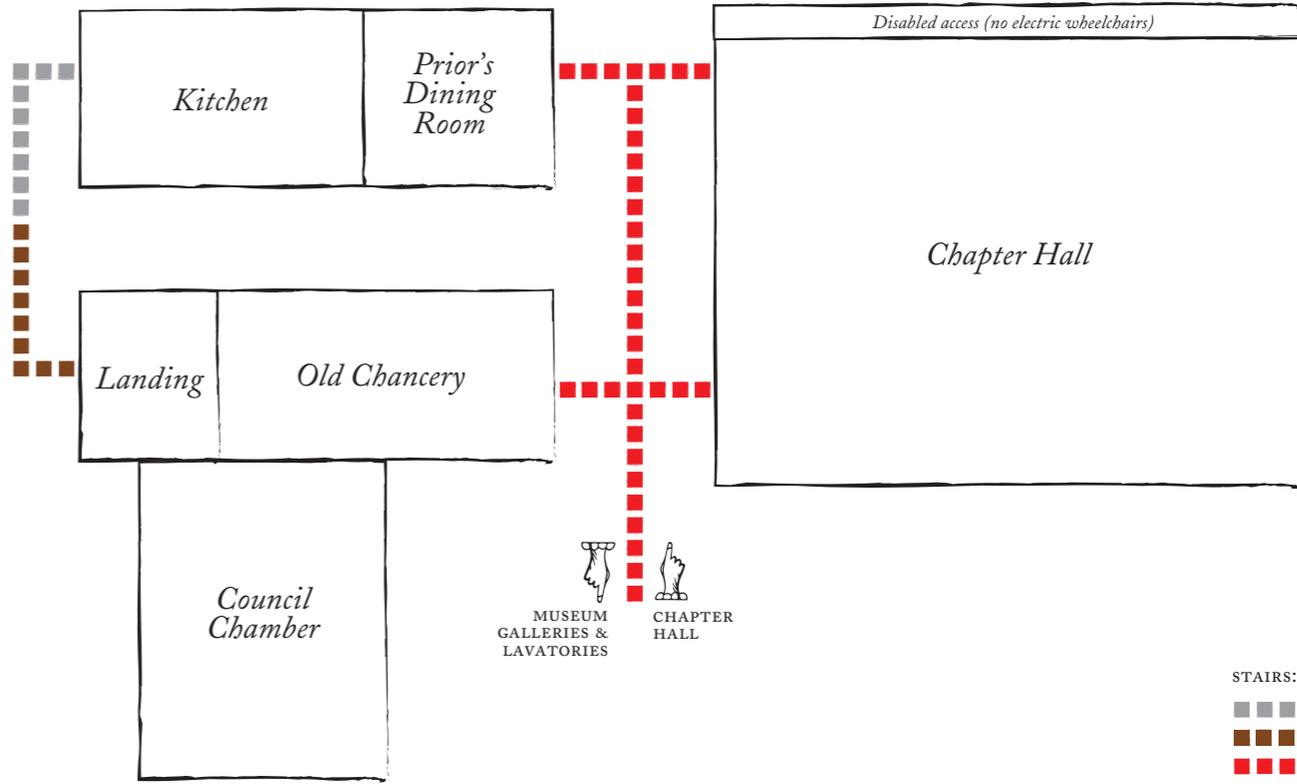
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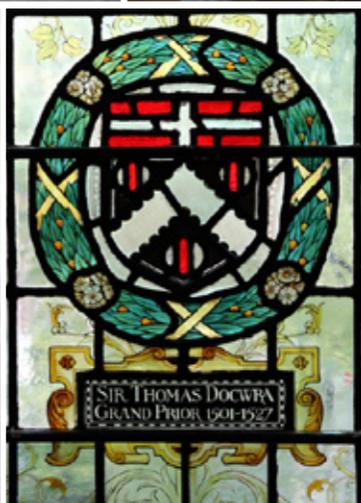
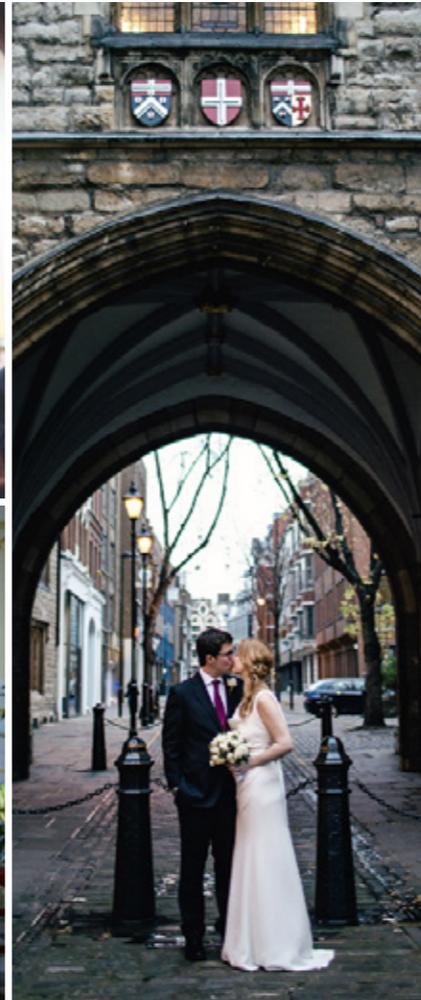


① - Plan of -
THE PRIORY CHURCH
AND GARDEN



② - Plan of -
THE HISTORIC ROOMS
AT ST JOHN'S GATE







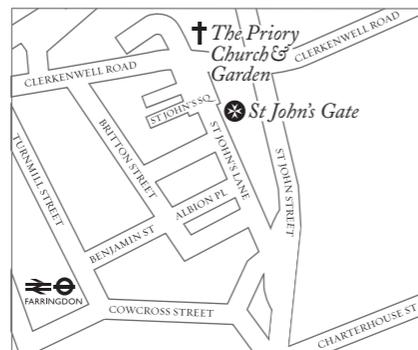
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Location

St John's Gate and the Priory Church
are conveniently located between
Smithfield and Clerkenwell. The area
is well provided with public transport.



Transport

 BY TRAIN OR TUBE:
Farringdon (Tube and
Thameslink trains) is
the nearest station and
is 5 minutes walk from
the Museum.

 BY BUS:
Farringdon Road (63),
Clerkenwell Road (55,243)

 BY CAR:
Pay and display parking
is available in St John's
Square.

CAR PARKS NEARBY:
NCP Saffron Hill
St Cross Street, EC1N 8XA

NCP Bowling Green Lane
1 Bowling Green Lane,
Clerkenwell, EC1R 0BD

Corporation of London
Smithfield, EC1A 9DS

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*I'd like to say thank you very much for helping
create, and I quote, 'our best Christmas Party ever'.*

EVE DENNEY, JOHN THOMPSON & PARTNERS

*Everybody loved the venue – and they are a discerning group
of people who have very high standards in matters of the built heritage.*

LAURA STEVENS, TRADITIONAL PAINT FORUM

*I can't say a big enough thank you to you and all of your staff who were
an absolute delight; not just endlessly helpful, but also wonderfully friendly.*

BERNICE WATKINS

*Everyone was so lovely and helpful and so keen to make the
day special. The room looked beautiful and the garden just lovely.*

EMMA AND JAMES FORD

*The President was delighted with the turnout
– the highest for a Summer Party in the last six years!*

COMMANDER ROGER IRELAND,
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