



# St Anthony in Roseland

## Information for Wedding Enquirers

### Introduction

The Churches Conservation Trust, the national charity protecting churches at risk, has cared for this beautiful church since 1991. St Anthony in Roseland is a medieval church which formed part of a priory complex until the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538. Place House was built on the site in 1840 and although it is adjacent to the church, St Anthony's is not part of, or managed by, Place House. All bookings for St Anthony's need to be made through the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT).

### Weddings

A wedding in one of CCT's churches requires a Special Licence. The issue of a Special Licence is subject to rules laid down by the Archbishop of Canterbury, which require the couple to have a 'demonstrative connection' with the church. If you do not have a connection to the church, we recommend that you use St Anthony's for a celebration or wedding blessing and perform the legally binding part of your wedding elsewhere.

### Approval

All CCT churches are redundant but remain consecrated which means they still need approval from the local incumbent for any service which is, or could be considered, religious. Any wedding blessings or ceremonies at St Anthony in Roseland need approval by the Oversight Minister for the Roseland, the Revd Douglas Wren ([roseland.rector@gmail.com](mailto:roseland.rector@gmail.com)). This includes wedding blessings and celebrations led by a celebrant. The only exception to this would be if your wedding is elsewhere and your booking is for a concert, music recital or similar and does not have any ceremonial content at all.

### Facilities

Please be aware St Anthony in Roseland is a historic building which has not been modified or adapted to suit modern sensibilities and as such has no electricity, water, heating, lighting, toilets or car parking. These facilities may only be available if booking Place House for your wedding celebrations. Please contact [info@placeestate.co.uk](mailto:info@placeestate.co.uk).

Even though our church is all that remains of the priory complex it was once part of, the night door of the Priory still connects the Church and Place House which means it is possible (if you have booked Place House) to run electricity from Place House to the church.

We will try our best to get a local contact to clean the church a day or two before your booking but please be aware that we cannot guarantee this as we are a small team with no staff located in the area. The church is open to the public (and to bats!) every day so it may still need cleaning to be up to your own standards. Please ask us for our cleaning guide if you think you may want to do an extra tidy up before your special day.

### Booking

Our fee to book the church for your wedding blessing or ceremony is £550 and goes towards the conservation of our beautiful churches. This covers your use of the church for the whole day of your booking. This fee is in addition to the usual fees payable to the officiating minister and for the Archbishop's Special Licence. Once you have decided you would like to book St Anthony's and you have gained approval from the Oversight Minister, please ask us for our

service booking form for you to complete and return to us. We hope that you will give us several months notice of your booking.

If you are planning your wedding ceremony at Place House and want to book St Anthony's Church as a reserve in case of poor weather, you must give us at least **10 days notice** and provide a non-refundable fee – please get in touch for details.

### **Safety**

The main thing to note is that the capacity of the building is only **60** unless the door to Place House is unlocked and accessible to guests in the event of an emergency. If this second door is unlocked the total number of people in the church could be increased to the maximum capacity of 100.

We discourage the use of candles at our churches due to the risk of damage to the historic fabric. If this is something you want to discuss, please contact us for further information.

### **Insurance**

CCT has public liability insurance which covers standard use of our building, but you need to make sure the activities you or your wedding planner are introducing are covered under your own public liability. If you are planning to ask the local minister to carry out your wedding blessing they will have insurance, but if you are asking someone else to lead a ceremony, they will need their own public liability insurance. Your wedding planner will also need to send us a risk assessment to cover the activities you are planning in St Anthony, to show you have thought about how to keep everyone safe. We can provide further information on hazards to consider.

### **Things to consider**

St Anthony in Roseland is a popular church for visitors and is on the South West coast path. It is normally left open to the public so be aware that if you leave items in the church in the days leading up to your booking it is at your own risk. It is advisable for you to organise flowers to be delivered and arranged in the church on the morning of your booking.

We have an A frame sign which sits outside the church and says 'Church Open'. It is advisable to add a sign to let visitors know that there is a wedding/private function to discourage them from entering. We can provide this if needed. Please remove it as soon as possible after your booking so that visitors are able to enjoy this beautiful church after your celebration and help us to raise much needed funds with their donations.

Please leave our beautiful church as you found it and clear away any rubbish left by your guests. If you wish to use confetti, please use a natural product such as petals which will biodegrade quickly and blend into the natural surroundings, rather than paper or plastic.

### **Contacts**

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