

♡♡ *The Wedding Chapel* ♡♡
at La Seigneurie Gardens, Sark



The perfect venue for a fairytale wedding
Civil wedding ceremonies within the grounds of the
beautiful Seigneurie Gardens



The Wedding Chapel lies within the heart of the fabulous Seigneurie Gardens and offers a romantic and stylish venue for civil weddings and other celebrations. The 18th century building can seat up to forty guests and the wedding party has full use of the gorgeous Victorian walled gardens for their photographs. On wedding days the main driveway is opened to allow carriages access to the Chapel, a privilege usually only granted to royalty.

The Reception

Hathaway's Café and Bistro (below) is situated just inside the main gates of the Seigneurie Gardens and is the perfect venue for your reception. Andrew Tortice, the chef and manager, can offer anything from drinks and canapés in the gardens to a really special afternoon tea or a full sit down dinner in the restaurant, either indoors or outside on the terrace. He specialises in local produce, including delicious Sark lamb and seafood, and uses fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs from the Seigneurie Gardens. Call him on 01481 832209 or email altortice@yahoo.co.uk discuss your wedding catering ideas.

Helen Plummer, who runs Mon Plaisir Stores, makes wonderful wedding cakes. You can contact her by email on deliveries@monplaisirstores.sark.gg or phone her on 01481 832600.



Carriages

There are six carriage operators on Sark and all of them pride themselves on turning out beautifully decorated wedding carriages trimmed with flowers and ribbons to match the rest of your décor. Their contact details can be found on the Sark website www.sark.co.uk in the 'About' section and we particularly recommend Michelle Perrère and Stocks Hotel's carriages.



Photographs

Your wedding party has full use of the walled garden for your photographs and, with its beautiful stone arches, secluded arbours and fragrant rose gardens, it makes a wonderful backdrop to your pictures. (Your guests are welcome to arrive early to explore the gardens at their leisure.) There is an experienced wedding photographer on Sark, Rosalie Smith. You can see her work and contact her through her website at www.rosalierphotography.luxipics.com



Flowers

Depending on the season and therefore what's in bloom, flowers can be purchased from the Seigneurie Gardens. The cost for enough flowers and greenery to fill five vases, one for each window sill and one to go on the table, like that seen to the right is £60. We can also make you a swag of ivy to hang above the door of the Chapel decorated with seasonal blooms, as seen below, for £40. There are several florists in Guernsey who deliver to Sark or, if you would like to bring some flowers and do your own arrangements, we have some simple glass vases that you are welcome to use and plenty of space for you to work on your displays.



Hair & Beauty

Sark is home to the very experienced hairdresser Vanessa Clarke who offers a complete service for the bride and guests from full makeup, manicure and hairdressing options to trials the day before and various beauty treatments. Vanessa has a salon on the Avenue or is happy to visit wherever you are staying to make you look and feel your best on your wedding day. To book an appointment with Vanessa call 01481 832864 or 07911 710976.

Setting Up

On non-wedding days the Chapel is used as an information centre telling the history of the Seigneurie and Sark's Seigneurs. For



weddings the information panels can be turned around to show images of flowers from the gardens in shades of blues, pinks and purples or they can be removed completely to leave plain white walls. There are four windowsills with plenty of space for candles and flowers. Lengths of carpet are laid on the traditional beaten earth floor to create an aisle for the wedding couple. We have up to forty chairs with plain white covers and either white or purple organza sashes and a simple wooden table with a lace-trimmed white linen cloth for the register. If you would prefer a more rustic look we can hire in hay bales instead of the chairs for the additional cost of £40. There

is an electric socket should you wish to plug in something to play music on and acoustics within the building are excellent. The Chapel is set up from around 4pm the day before and couples and their helpers are welcome to come along then and add any extra decorations they would like. (We've had fairy lights and bunting!) We only have one wedding a day so the Chapel is yours to decorate however you please. (Paper or natural petal confetti and rice are allowed but we ask that it is not used inside.) Well behaved dogs are welcomed – we had one who carried the rings!



The Legalities

The service is conducted by Sark's Greffier, Trevor Hamon, the local equivalent of a registrar. Since a change in the law in 2011 wedding couples now need only three days residency on Sark to be able to be married here and this does not have to be immediately prior to the wedding day. Most of our couples come over for a short holiday a few weeks or months before to complete their residency and finalise the plans for their big day. Before you book the Chapel, please contact Trevor to go through the legal aspects of your wedding and to check on his availability. (Please note – the Greffier's fee is not included in the fee for the Wedding Chapel.) Trevor is in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2.30 to 4pm and you can contact him on 01481 832012 and by email on greffier@gov.sark.gg

Travel & Accommodation

There are regular ferries to Sark from Guernsey operated by the Isle of Sark Shipping Company with a crossing time of



just less than an hour. During the summer months Manche Iles Express runs a service from Jersey. There is accommodation on Sark to suit every budget from campsites and bed and breakfast establishments to a full range of self-catering lets and two fabulous hotels. To find out more about travelling to Sark and the accommodation on offer here

visit the Sark website at www.sark.co.uk (Accommodation books up quickly for the summer months so we advise that you look into this well in advance.)

What's Included?

The fee of £495 includes the use of the Chapel for the day, up to forty chairs with covers and sashes, the table, carpets, glass vases and candles. Also included is entry to the Gardens for up to 40 guests.



Larger Weddings

We can accommodate larger weddings if some of your guests are happy to stand. For weddings of around 60 we suggest 20 or so chairs with standing room behind them. We have had up to 100 guests in the Chapel, all standing, but it was rather cosy! For any additional guests over the 40 included in the standard fee we charge £5 per person to cover entry to the gardens.

To Book

Once you have confirmed your date we require a deposit of £255 to secure your booking. The balance of £245 is payable a month before the wedding day plus any extra charges for additional guests and flowers. For more information contact Sue Daly on suedalysark@icloud.com or call her on 01481 832175, mobile 07797 720002.

