

We would like to begin our review by saying a huge thank you to Hannah and the staff at the Masonic Hall in Cardiff. The event they organised was truly wonderful and reflected our unique backgrounds and personalities.

As we had formally been married in Lebanon, we were looking to have a blessing ceremony rather than a full wedding in the UK. The problem was, that we were both out of the country for the year before the ceremony which made things much more difficult. After looking at the websites of dozens of venues in Cardiff, we came across the Masonic Hall and its unique style, setting, and location caught our attention. In the pictures the venue looked beautiful and was certainly different to all of the other places we had been looking at. We both immediately felt this was the right venue for us. When we actually got to see the venue (the day before the wedding!) we were totally blown away. The place was not only very grandiose and steeped in history, it was also incredibly tranquil and welcoming (something we had worried about as it is located in the heart of Cardiff). The grand hall in which the ceremony was conducted was spectacular and you felt like you were in the throne room of a medieval castle!

When we contacted Hannah her enthusiasm and passion for her job, and for the venue, was immediately obvious and so we were assured that we had made the right choice. Hannah provided us with an overview of what most couples do on their day but let us know that the venue very open to any creative ideas we had to make our day a little different. This was really important to us as we wanted the occasion to reflect our Welsh and Lebanese heritage. Hannah really did put our minds at rest and we knew that even though we had not visited the venue it was definitely the right place for us. Hannah and the catering team also helped us devise a menu which reflected our theme and produced a spectacular wedding cake made entirely out of a variety of Welsh cheeses.

During the months leading up to the blessing Hannah made sure that she kept in regular contact with us. We obviously had many questions and requests and were slightly anxious as we were still out of the country, so Hannah ensured that she responded quickly to all of our e-mails. She also provided invaluable friendly advice for everything. Hannah runs a highly professional operation and the co-ordination with us, her staff, and various vendors was amazing. Hannah also kept a close eye on things on the actual day of the ceremony. We never had to keep track of time as Hannah was there making sure everything was running smoothly and on time. We really appreciated that we could relax and enjoy our day knowing everything was going smoothly and our guests were all enjoying themselves.

We can highly recommend the Cardiff Masonic Hall, Hannah, and all her staff. From the start they worked with us to accommodate our unconventional circumstances. But not only that, they also went to great lengths to ensure that everything felt personal and dedicated to us. In fact, it is this personalisation that makes Cardiff Masonic Hall such an incredible place. Hannah and her team worked with us to create something that fitted our budget, giving us a variety of options and never pressuring us to take something we felt uncomfortable with.

In sum, from the moment we first made contact with Hannah, through to leaving the day after our blessing, everything was easy and hassle free. The team certainly did all they could to make our day as incredible as it could be. Honestly, we cannot recommend this place to you highly enough.

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