

T H E C R Y P T

The Crypt in Ely Place, off Holborn Circus, has been described as one of London's "Most Magical" Wedding Venues.

In an atmosphere redolent of times gone by, the Crypt provides a unique combination of truly historic ambience with a superb food, "impeccable service", and the finest wine list in the City.

If you are planning a wedding reception for up to 120, The Crypt could just be the place for you, especially if you are getting married in St Etheldreda's Church above.

With its medieval stone floors and a beamed ceiling dating back to the 12th Century, the Crypt has hosted some of London's most celebrated functions- including a grand feast for Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon in 1531. They dined, it is reported, on Swans stuffed with Larks stuffed with Sparrows.

While we cannot promise you Swans stuffed with Larks stuffed with Sparrows for your feast, we can offer you a selection of menus to tempt the most jaded palates, and to suit most budgets.

Do call us if you would like to see The Crypt and discuss your wedding plans.

Yours sincerely

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THE CRYPT MENU

(PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU AND WILL CHANGE ON A SEASONAL BASIS)

STARTERS

Summer Pea Soup with Fresh Mint Foam
Velouté de Petit Pois à la Menthe

Ballotine of Sole with Green Peppercorns, Wilted Baby Gem Lettuce and Brown Shrimp Beurre Noisette
Ballotine de Sole, Poivre Vert, Salade et Beurre Noisette à la Crevette Grise

Roulade of Smoked Salmon and Fromage Blanc with Salad of Herbs and Sauce Vert
Roulade de Saumon Fumé et Fromage Blanc, Salade d'Herbes et Sauce Verte

Ravioli Chestnut Mushroom and Lemon Thyme with Almond Sauce
Ravioli aux Champignons, Thym Citronnée et Sauce aux Amandes

Caramelised Terrine of Duck Confit and Foie Gras with Sweet Red Onion Compote
Terrine de Foie Gras et Canard Confit Caramélisé, Compote d'Oignons Rouges

Carpaccio of English Beef Fillet with Pomme Mousseline and Rocket and Parmesan Salad
Carpaccio de Bœuf Anglais, Pommes de Terre Mousseline, Salade de Rocket et Parmesan

MAIN COURSES

Baby Artichoke and Lemon Thyme Penne Pasta with Crème Dijonnaise
Penne Pasta aux Artichauts et thym de Citron, Crème Dijonnaise

Roast Suckling Pig with Confit Shoulder en Kromeski,
with Vichy Carrots and Green Peppercorn Sauce
Cochon de Lait Rôti avec Epaule Confite Kromeski, Carottes Vichy et Sauce au Poivre Vert

Roasted Fillet of Wild Black Bream à La Bouillabaisse with Crushed Heritage Potatoes
Filets de Brème Noire Sauvage Rôtis à La Bouillabaisse avec des Pommes de Terre Héritage

Roast Saddle of Lamb "Farci" with Spinach, Shallot and Smoked Bacon,
Fricassee of Green Beans and Pomme Fondant
Selle d'Agneau Rôtie Farci aux Epinards, Echalotes, Bacon Fumé, Fricassé d'Haricots Verts et Pomme Fondant

Sautéed Scottish Salmon with Spiced Cauliflower Tempura, Pea and Mint Vinaigrette
Saumon Ecossais Sauté aux Beignets de Choux-fleur, Purée, Petits Pois et Vinaigrette Mentholée

Slow Roast Fillet of English Beef with Wild Mushroom Gratin, Pomme Mousseline and Red Wine Jus
Filet de Boeuf Rôti avec Gratin d'Epinards et Sauce au Vin Rouge

DESSERTS

Hot Valrhona Chocolate Fondant with Chocolate Malt Ice Cream
Crème Catalan Infused with Orange and Cinnamon, Vanilla Sablé
Lemon Tart with Raspberry Jus
Mango Parfait with Orange and Anis Jelly

Coffee and Petits Fours

£39.50 PER PERSON PER PERSON INCLUSIVE OF VAT

Please choose one Starter, one Main Course and one Dessert where the whole party has the same.
Any guest with special dietary requirements will be catered for.

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Ely Place, Holborn, EC1 A Sense of History... A History of Celebration

The sense of history lies heavy in the Crypt of St Etheldreda's. Its foundations date back to the 6th Century; its rough stone walls, eight foot thick in parts, and its heavy blackened beams to the 12th Century when Ely Palace was constructed above The Crypt by the Bishops of Ely as their London Bishopric.

Ely Palace was not simply a seat of religious learning, it became over the centuries an important centre of commerce for the emerging City of London – the Bishops were active in the wool trade with Flanders.

In 1531 Henry V111 and his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, hosted a Grand Celebration in the Crypt of Ely Place which lasted for five full days and nights. They feasted on swans, stuffed with larks stuffed with sparrows.