

# Community of St Mary the Virgin

## Maribel Centre

Information brochure for those wishing to host an event at the Maribel Centre, St Mary's Convent.



St Mary's Convent is home to an Anglican religious order of Sisters, the **Community of St Mary the Virgin**.

Founded in 1848, it is dedicated to Mary the Mother of Jesus, the pondering one.

The Community has a strong history of hospitality and welcomes you to the Maribel Centre.

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## A Place to Meet

CSMV is pleased to be able to share the facilities of the Maribel Centre with diocesan and church groups, charities and other like-minded organisations looking for a place to meet.

The Maribel Centre is a contemporary and welcoming venue, with excellent facilities and catering services.

Large and small meeting rooms  
Accommodate up to 60 delegates  
Parking on the premises  
Catering services available



## Meeting Rooms - Large

**Dalai Lama Room**, (right), is the first of the two large meeting rooms. A spacious and light room with vaulted ceilings, this room also benefits from a self-contained adjoining room used to serve food and drinks.



**Nelson Mandela Room**, (left), overlooks the Convent gardens. This versatile room can be divided by a sliding partition, which can be useful to create a breakout area.

## Meeting Rooms - Small

**Malala Room**, (right), is ideal for meetings of up to eight people. Although set up for smaller groups, the room has ample space for refreshments to be served and makes for a comfortable space for groups to meet.



**Emmaus**, (left), can accommodate up to eight people around a large table. Overlooking the gardens, this room offers an intimate space for smaller groups to meet.

## Facilities

The Maribel Centre provides Wi-Fi access for delegates, hearing loop facilities, as well as a mobile large screen for presentations and hybrid meetings.

There is parking available for up to 50 cars, and an electric vehicle charging point.



Flexible seating means tables can be set up as required, for example theatre style, board room, classroom, U-shaped or single tables for group work.

Rooms can be booked individually or the whole centre can be reserved for exclusive use.

Catering services are also available to book.



# Catering

All our food is freshly prepared on the premises in our 5-star Food Hygiene rated kitchen.

Morning and afternoon refreshments include tea, coffee and either freshly baked cookies or cake.



Lunches are either a cold buffet style with a selection of freshly made sandwiches, crisps and a fruit bowl. Or a hot lunch of either soup with crusty bread or jacket potato with a choice of fillings.

For groups of eight or more, a superior lunch option is available of quiche and salads. Please see page 9 for menu and prices.

## Find Us

Situated in the Vale of the White Horse, Oxfordshire, St Mary's Convent is located on the edge of the Berkshire Downs within easy reach of Oxford, Swindon, Newbury and Reading.

There are good bus links to nearby towns. Stagecoach West provide the main service between Wantage and Oxford, with frequent buses. Thames Travel provide bus services between Wantage and Didcot via Harwell Campus and East Hanney.



Eight miles east of Wantage is Didcot with good rail links to Reading, Oxford, London and Cardiff.

By road, Wantage is accessed via the A338 from the North and South, the A417 to the East and West. The nearest motorways are the M4 to the South and the M40 to the North. For sat-nav use St Mary's Convent, Denchworth Road, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9AU.

For a map [click here](#).

## Further Information

The Maribel Centre is open from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Guest arrival is from 8.30am. Please note the Maribel Centre is closed on weekends and Bank Holidays.

Across the four meeting rooms of the Maribel Centre there are two large conference rooms, Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela, with two further smaller rooms, Malala and Emmaus. Rooms can be booked individually or the whole centre can be booked for exclusive use. The Maribel centre can accommodate up to 60 delegates.

Please see page 9 for menu options. Please note all dietary preferences must be confirmed with the hospitality team at CSMV at least 5 working days before your visit. CSMV cannot guarantee accommodating dietary preferences received any later than the cut-off date.

For all booking enquiries please contact Reception on 01235 763141 or email on [welcome@csmv.co.uk](mailto:welcome@csmv.co.uk)

Please see prices below for room hire:

Room Name	Full Day 9am-5pm	Half Day 9am-12pm or 2pm-5pm
Nelson Mandela	£120.00	£60.00
Dalai Lama	£120.00	£60.00
Malala Yousafzai	£60.00	£30.00
Emmaus	£60.00	£30.00



# Menus

<b>Sandwich Lunch (1 round)</b> A traditional selection of freshly prepared sandwiches Served with a fruit bowl, jugs of water and premium crisps.	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>Soup and Crusty Bread</b> Home made soup with crusty bread, served with a fruit bowl, jugs of water.	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>Jacket Potato</b> Jacket Potato served with a choice of fillings and salad. Served with a fruit bowl, jugs of water.	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>Quiche and Salads</b> (available for groups of 8 or more) Served with a fruit bowl and jugs of water.	<b>£32.50</b>

**All lunch orders include tea and coffee refreshments**

Morning - Water, Tea and Coffee with Biscuits Afternoon - Water, Tea and Coffee with Cake

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