

GREYFRIARS

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GreyFriars' Afternoon Tea in the Rose Room

“Tea! Thou soft, thou sober, sage and venerable liquid...

“Thou female tongue-running, smile-smoothing, heart-opening, wink-tipping cordial, to whose glorious insipidity I owe the happiest moment of my life, let me fall prostrate. The soothing rite that calms the soul, lifts the spirit and makes any afternoon an extraordinary event”

~ Colley Cibber: *The Lady's Last Stake*, 1708 (English Actor-Manager)

The heyday of afternoon tea was in the days of the British Empire when the “Sahib” and his family, having taken early luncheon, would have to wait until the cool of the late evening to take dinner.

Afternoon tea filled the gap and when they returned home they brought the ceremony back home with them. It was at this point that the fashionable hotels took wholeheartedly to the serving of traditional afternoon and Devonshire cream teas, following the introduction in the mid 1840s by Anna, Duchess of Bedford, to fill in the time between early luncheon and dinner.

We understand that some of our guests have special dietary requirements (vegetarian, vegan and cultural) and would be delighted to accommodate any particular preferences within your afternoon tea selection.

Please let us know how with 24 hours' notice, so we can tailor your Afternoon Tea experience to suit your requirements.

Food Allergies and intolerances: Before ordering please speak to a member of our team about our ingredients. Should you have any questions regarding the content or preparation of any of our food please ask a member of our team.

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GreyFriars' Afternoon Tea

£24.95 per person

Our traditional afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Maldon smoked salmon, caper butter, horseradish bread
Roasted ham, red onion chutney, tomato bread
Cucumber, cream cheese, tarragon bread
Coronation chicken rolled in roasted almonds, caraway seed bread
Free range egg mayonnaise, watercress, white bread

Sweet

Tiramisu, cocoa nibs
Rhubarb & white chocolate macaron
Banana cake, milk chocolate mousse, caramel
Lemon tart, raspberry meringue, Chantilly

Scones

Mixed fruit & raisin

Plain

Served with clotted cream and homemade strawberry preserve

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Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea

(24 hours' notice required)

£25.95 per person

Our Gentlemen's Afternoon Tea features old English favourites for an indulgent savoury experience.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Maldon smoked salmon, caper butter, horseradish bread

Roasted ham, red onion chutney, tomato bread

Cucumber, cream cheese, tarragon bread

Coronation chicken rolled in roasted almonds, caraway seed bread

Free range egg mayonnaise, watercress, white bread

Savouries

Chicken & garlic croquette

Mini Newbridge Farm beef & wild mushroom Wellington

Wild boar & apple sausage roll

Crab cocktail, melba toast?

Scones

Maple cured bacon scone & black truffle butter

Plain

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GreyFriars' Vegetarian Afternoon Tea

£24.95 per person

Our vegetarian afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Caramelised red onion, grilled courgette, tomato bread
Hummus, roasted red pepper, horseradish bread
Aubergine purée, pomegranate, caraway bread
Cucumber, cream cheese, tarragon bread
Free range egg mayonnaise, watercress, white bread

Sweet

Carrot cake, coconut cream, candied orange
Rhubarb & white chocolate macaron
Banana cake, milk chocolate mousse, caramel
Lemon tart, raspberry meringue, Chantilly

Scones

Mixed fruit & raisin
Plain
Served with clotted cream
&
GreyFriars' homemade strawberry preserve

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GreyFriars' Vegan Afternoon Tea

(24 hours' notice required)

£24.95 per person

Our vegan afternoon tea is the perfect balance of sweet & savoury.

Afternoon Tea Selection

Sandwiches

Caramelised red onion, grilled courgette, tomato bread
Hummus, roasted red pepper, horseradish bread
Aubergine purée, pomegranate, caraway bread
Cucumber, mint chickpea mayonnaise, tarragon bread
Avocado, baby gem, tomato, white bread

Sweet

Carrot cake, coconut cream, candied orange
Victoria sponge, strawberry jam, coconut cream
Chocolate brownie
Fruit cocktail

Scones

Mixed fruit

Plain

Served with vanilla coconut cream

&

GreyFriars' homemade strawberry preserve

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Little Prince and Princess Tea

(for children under 12)
(24 hours' notice required)

£18.00 per person

Afternoon tea should not just be reserved for adults, so we have adapted our traditional menu to suit every little Prince and Princess to enjoy. Before they sit down to their delicious treats, our team will assist children in decorating their own cupcake.

(This service is complimentary and subject to the availability of the staff.
Please allow us at least 24 hours' notice if you would like to include this option.)

Drink Selection

Tea

Strawberry or chocolate milkshake
Hot chocolate or warm cinnamon milk
Pink lemonade

Sandwiches

Ham

Cheddar cheese
Free range egg mayonnaise

Sweet

Apple jelly
Rocky road
Jam tart
Cupcake
Cookies & cream macaron

A freshly baked scone, fruit or plain, served with clotted cream
and homemade strawberry preserve

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