

EMMANUEL

Loughborough

Disability and Access Statement.

Emmanuel Church and Emmanuel Church Centre fairly well serve people with disabilities. The basic facilities are all on the ground floor, including an access to toilet for the disabled. People with wheelchairs can be accommodated in the church and the church centre. Stewards and wardens are briefed to remove chairs in the main body of the church to provide space for wheelchairs and pushchairs so that they don't take up space in the gangways. Without prior notice, access to the platform area of the church would be more difficult.

In the church centre, there are no lifts to the upstairs offices. None of the bookable rooms for outside groups are upstairs. Meetings with people with limited mobility are held in downstairs rooms.

Access to the dais for people with limited mobility has been made available by the provision of secure handles by the side chapel and to the music team area to accommodate a music team member with cerebral palsy. For those who wish to and are sufficiently mobile to climb stairs to the balcony and the upper floor, handrails have been provided, step edges have been clearly marked and for the new build, level rest areas are available at every 10 steps.

Fire exits in the centre lounge have been fitted with small ramps to make exit easier for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Both the church and the church centre are provided with a deaf aid hearing loop, and for the partially sighted the service sheets and notice sheets are published in a large font. In addition, the notice sheets and service sheets can be emailed in advance to visually impaired church members who may need to rely on computerised readers. For notice sheets and general church communications we try to use fonts which are easily read by people with dyslexia.

On the website images are accompanied by explanations to enable access by people with limited or no sight who rely on computerised readers.

There is a good sized car park for the church centre and church hall, with two allocated disabled parking spaces by the church and a turning circle to allow drop off and pick up for people with limited mobility. There are no steps or uneven paving to cause trip hazards at the front of the church and along the main paths.

The church hall has steps from the entrance lobby into the main hall, with ramp access at the side of the building for wheel chairs. There is no disabled toilet facility in the church hall.

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