



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
LOUGHBOROUGH**

## **DISABILITY AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

The Good Shepherd Parochial Church Council seek to enable, so far as is reasonably practicable, good access and egress for all people entering or leaving our buildings.

Both our church and church hall are of single storey construction with level flooring throughout. Ramped access to both buildings is available as required. Access to a toilet for the disabled is available within the church hall

### *The Church:*

Wheelchair access is available into the church by use of a portable ramp, which can be requested at the main entrance. Church personnel on duty are briefed to facilitate this as required. Churchwardens are briefed to remove chairs in the main body of the church to provide a space for a wheelchair and/or pushchair if required, to maintain ease of access in case of emergency in the building.

Without prior notice, access to the platform area of the church would be difficult.

There are no toilet facilities in the church at present, however it is possible to access the Church Hall toilets, including a disabled toilet, if visiting the church.

The church has been furnished with an induction loop system for those with a hearing impediment and signage to this effect is displayed. Additionally, amplification of the electronic piano and speech by use of microphones is provided. For the partially sighted, service sheets and other books are available in large print formats. In addition, the weekly notice sheet can be emailed to members of the congregation if required. Notice sheets and general church communications use fonts, chosen to be more easily read by people with dyslexia and other similar conditions.

Fire exits are provided at the front and rear of the church and appropriate signage is displayed. A permanent ramp is provided to the rear of the church and a portable ramp at the main entrance.

### *The Church Hall:*

The church hall has one step up into the entrance lobby, however there is permanent ramp access at the side of the building for wheelchairs and/or pushchairs.

There are two fire exits from the church hall, both with permanent ramps suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Exit routes are signed as required.

The church hall has been furnished with an induction loop system for those with a hearing impediment, signage to this effect is displayed. Additionally, amplification of speech by use of microphones is provided. It should be noted that this facility is only available to organisations of the church.

There is a car park for the Church and the hall, with two allocated disabled parking spaces immediately at the front of the buildings and a further pick up and drop off point for people with limited mobility.

**STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE PCC ON 15 OCTOBER 2020**

**STATEMENT TO BE REVIEWED BY OCTOBER 2022**