

We are a community church and offer our building/facilities to members of our community for hire and appropriate use:

Our aim is to:

Provide reasonably priced facilities made available for the users of a Christian faith, where worship may be an integral part of activities

All groups that hire our facilities, agree to the following rules of use:

Conditions of Hire/use:

- We expect that our church and all its areas be treated with respect and sympathetically in line with the function of a place of worship, this to include the use of all children's items (either in the worship area or the hall).
- We expect our facilities to be left clean and in a useable state. Hirers will be charged for any additional cleaning that is required.
- Furniture needs to be returned to its original positions, tables returned and stacked, pew chairs restored as pews (please see red markings on floor).
- Hirers will **not** be charged a fee for consumables (hand towels, toilet paper etc.) however, it is expected that these will be replenished at the end of the hirer period. That said if there comes a time, when this is being misused, this will be reviewed
- Carpark, please can all users, try to park at the Iron Stone Fort (Railway) carpark, to ensure good relations are maintained with neighbours living in St Benedict's Mount.
- All users will ensure that the behaviour of children and minors is safe and reasonable. All parents are required to be responsible for their children's safety and activities.
- Safeguarding procedures, will adhere to the Church of England's guidelines ([National Safeguarding Standards | The Church of England](#)) as a minimum standard.
- All damages will be reported, immediately, via WhatsApp (photos as a record of time and date), if damage has **not been** recorded and after hire period has finished then the PCC will inform the hirer of charge - adults are responsible for breakages caused by their children. Liability insurance should be taken out to cover this.
- Opening up and closing after the hire period has finished will be adopted to ensure that all user of the St Benedict's church, maintain a high level of respect for each other.
- This hire agreement is in respect of both Christian communities supporting each other and therefore would be beneficial if all parties, agreed to support each other. i.e. maintenance / cleaning days etc.