



Life Church Poole | Accessibility Statement

Here at Life Church, we seek to provide an environment that promotes inclusion for all irrespective of age, race, gender, or disability. We understand however, that for those with a physical disability, additional support may be required to help you to benefit from the services we provide. This access statement is aimed at helping you to understand what to expect from our facilities if this applies to you.

Public Parking is available in car parks throughout the town centre, many of which provide designated disabled parking bays. The closest to the Church is located behind the Lighthouse Theatre in Seldown Lane, with additional facilities available in the Dolphin Centre. Whilst the Church is not able to offer congregational parking, it is possible for cars to stop at the rear of the building for passengers to alight and to allow wheelchairs to be unloaded. Our Team members can provide support with this if necessary.

The building is easily accessible via Public Transport, with the main Bus Station for the town located on the opposite side of Kingland Road. Access to the Church from the Station involves traversing a subway which is serviced on both sides with stairways, and ramps.

The main entrance to the Church (via Kingland Road) is approached over a Council maintained paved area. The approach is level, and illuminated in low light conditions with street lighting. The entrance itself comprises two steps, approximately 10-15cm in height. On all occasions where the building is open in support of public services, Church team members are available on the door to provide assistance to those who may need it. An alternate entrance via the rear of the building is available on request, enabling entry without the need to traverse steps.

Our main auditorium is located on the first floor. At present a lift is not available, with access only possible via two flights of stairs, however provision is being made within renovation plans to incorporate disabled access via a platform lift. Support and assistance for those with limited mobility is available at all times during public services. The first, and last stairs on each flight incorporate fluorescent markers for those attendees who may be visually impaired.

During the service, audio from the first floor is relayed downstairs and the option for a video feed is also available on request. A seating area is available, providing room for wheelchair users and those accompanying. There may be opportunities during the course of the service for ministry involving prayer, or the taking of communion. These services are extended to those individuals who may be located on the Ground Floor at these times via dedicated Ministry Teams. On occasion, services involving the dedication of Children, or Water Baptism are undertaken – these can be arranged to accommodate the needs of disabled attendees where required.



Regular toilet facilities exist on all floors. A toilet for the disabled which will comply fully with current legislation, is planned as part of the redevelopment of the building.

We welcome practical feedback regarding improvements to both the building, and to this document. Should you have any queries regarding access to the Church or this statement, please contact the Church office by telephone or email.

Life Church
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