

Shepshed Word of Life Church - Kirkhill Building Use Policy

Purpose

The primary purpose of our building is for regular and ad hoc meetings of the church – both current and future. These include the worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bible teaching, prayer, fellowship, evangelism and providing practical help and support in the community.

Potential other uses

All other uses are secondary and may not interfere with this primary purpose. Within this constraint, we are happy to provide or hire all or part of the premises to the following groups, at the discretion of the Trustees: -

1. Bible-believing Christian churches and organisations in alignment with our objectives and statement of faith.
2. Weddings, funerals and family events for church members and regular members of the congregation.
3. Organisations, charities, and clubs based in Shepshed or close-by.
4. Public meetings and polling.

Exclusions

We will not provide or hire our premises for the following: -

1. Other religious groups at odds with our objectives and statement of faith.
2. Political, campaign groups or groups promoting a particular cause.
3. Groups practicing activities which are a risk of damage to life or property.
4. Groups creating loud noises or disturbance to the neighbours.

Conditions of hire: -

1. No alcohol may be served or consumed on the premises.
2. No smoking is allowed on the premises.
3. No gambling is allowed on the premises.
4. Groups are responsible for setting out the building and returning it to the condition they found it in.
5. Groups are responsible for locking and securing the building on exit.
6. Groups may be permitted to store items on the premises, where agreed in advance.
7. Groups may (should be must?) supply their own insurance or work within the requirements of our insurance policy.
8. Activities should involve minimal risk of injury to participants as well as minimal risk of damage to property.
9. A rental agreement will be agreed and signed in advance for each group detailing the specific arrangements and conditions for the hire.

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Payments: -

1. Groups will be charged a fair but competitive rate, as required by the Charity Commission.
2. Members of the church may be waived charges at the discretion of the Trustees.
3. Hire agreements will be renewed on an annual basis, with three months' notice on either side. Payment to be made quarterly, three months in advance.
4. All damages, extra cleaning etc. to be paid for.

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