

Accessibility – St Leonards Church

Disabled parking/drop off point

There are two disabled parking spaces at the front of the church lynch-gate. This is also a quiet road where visitors can easily be dropped off/collected. The pavement and path from the disabled parking and drop off point is smooth and on a slight upward incline, approx. 30m in distance. The entrance porch and door to the church is wide enough for a standard wheelchair. Prior to and after a service, the entrance doors will usually be open.

Mobility

There is one very small step at the entrance door, and then the main church floor is even, with no further steps to the disabled toilet, or into the Roland King Community Room. There is one small step from the main church into the chancel area where communion is usually received. People can ask to take communion in their seats if they prefer. We stay in our places to share the Peace.

Seating

If you do not wish to sit in traditional pews, cushioned seats with arms are available. Please ask a 'Welcomer' as you enter the building if you need any assistance. There are number of places where a wheelchair user can sit.

Disabled Toilet

We have one large disabled toilet at the back of the church on the north side, which was purpose built. There is a baby changing shelf within the disabled toilet.

Visual

When the church is in use, all the lights are switched on and provide a decent level of brightness. If you are coming to a service, and require a guide to take you to a seat or pew, please ask a 'Welcomer' as you enter the church.

Large-print service sheets and hymn books

Our liturgy booklets are all designed with the visually impaired in mind and are large print, using Verdana font and with plenty of white space. Large-print hymn books are available upon request.

Sound system

We have a high quality sound system and use microphones for all services and most events to ensure everyone can hear.

Hearing loop

This works on the T or loop setting on your hearing aid. The loop provides high quality sound and is available throughout the main church building during services and some events. The loop works in selected seats in the Chancel but not in the Roland King Room.

Assistance Dogs

Registered Assistance Dogs are welcome to all our services and events. If it is necessary for a dog to accompany you for any other reason, please just ask in advance. Usually requests can be accommodated. Well-behaved dogs on a lead are always welcome when the church is open for visitors each day (usually open between 10am -3pm).

Temperature

Our ancient church is a very pleasant temperature in summer, but can be cold in winter. We are hoping to improve our heating system, but in the meantime we provide blankets for use on cold days and suggest people dress appropriately.