



## **Policy For The Use Of St Mary's Church Callington**

The church building of St Mary's is the property of the Diocese of Truro, created for the worship and the dispensation of the Holy Sacraments. They also perform a central role within the community for Rites Of Passage. For these purposes they contain many items of historical interest. We welcome the appropriate use of the buildings and this policy offers guidelines for anyone wishing to do so.

- Please ensure that objects, fixtures and fittings within the fabric of the building are respected and not removed.
- Any facilities that will be used (e.g. kitchen and toilets) should be notified to a churchwarden prior to the event so that they can be made available. There are two removable ramps for wheelchair access. One by the main door and one by the step at the front of the North Aisle to access the Chapel.
- Please note that we do not have a licence to sell alcohol on the premises.
- Any activity undertaken within the buildings should be appropriate to the age of the fabric of the church and any risks assessed prior to hiring.
- Please bear in mind that that the primary use of the buildings is for Holy Christian Worship. It is appropriate that anyone using the buildings examines the content of any activity or entertainment that may be contrary to the main purposes of the building (e.g. paganism, spiritualism, inappropriate lyrics in songs, secular ceremonies, worship of other Gods, hypnosis or any other activities deemed inappropriate to maintaining the spiritual atmosphere of the buildings).
- Please be aware that the church interior contains many hazards that can cause persons to slip or trip. Please be cautious when moving around. A first aid kit green box is visible hanging from the shelf on the left as you enter the church.
- The nearest defibrillator is situated in New Road by the toilets opposite the Town Hall.

Thank you for reading this policy. It is our hope that you find using our buildings a success.

*Churchwardens Garry Morris and David Wheeler*