

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH (UNITARIAN) CAMBRIDGE

PUBLIC ACCESS STATEMENT

“We resolve to provide a community asset by making our Church and Church Hall buildings accessible and safe places for members of the community to own and use, regardless of their faith position,

“We see our church spaces as resources for the community.”

The Memorial Church (Unitarian) Cambridge has been a well-used community asset since the buildings were erected in the 1920s. Apart from the obvious use as a place of worship and church-related activities (liturgical, business, strategic and social), the church and church hall buildings provide a community space for many local community groups and for private hire.

The Church Hall, and its adjacent common room are in use and available for hire generally from 8am to 11pm every day throughout the year, subject to space being available. A diverse variety of groups, offering Music, Dance, Yoga, Mother & Toddler Group, and Addiction Support use the building on a regular weekly basis not just during term time – some all year round. All regular users have their own keys.

Not only does the church hall host the local Christ’s Pieces Residents’ Association regular meetings, it also hosts a range of political organisations and spiritual/philosophical groups. The Church Hall is the venue for the well attended annual Cambridge Showcase exhibition by local artists and craftspeople.

The Church Hall is also available for private functions/ social events.

The Church building is used as a venue to host ecumenical gatherings, musical performances, group singing events. We hope to see the Church building used as an exhibition space later in 2016.

Information regarding booking enquiries is available on our church website at <http://www.cambridgeunitarian.org/about/venue-booking> . We offer generous discounts to regular hirers and extremely generous subsidised rates to charitable/ support organisations such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Cambridge (Memorial) Church committee will continue to monitor this policy and adjust it in the light of circumstances and in consultation with regular user groups.

February 2016.

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