

High Street Baptist Church - Tring

Lettings of Premises Policy

1.0 Introduction

In keeping with the sound Christian principles of openness, sharing and outreach the members of High Street Baptist Church Tring have agreed to make the Church premises available for use by Community groups and individuals ('Users'), subject to the approval of the Leadership Team on behalf of the membership.

2.0 Principal purpose of the Church

The principal Purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to the principles of the Baptist denomination. The Church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world.

3.0 Letting Requests

All requests for the use or hire of the premises shall be made by completing the High Street Baptist Church booking form (Appendix 2) and submitting it to the Church Administrator.

Decisions to let the premises will be based on availability. All new applications for long-term hire shall be approved by the Church Secretary and may be referred to the Leadership Team.

Users of the church premises shall be expected to agree to this Letting of Premises Policy and abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use.

5.0 Unsuitable Use

High Street Baptist Church reserves the right to refuse requests for the hiring of the church premises where there is conflict with the purpose and beliefs of the church.

Use of the premises will be restricted if the restriction is imposed so as:

- a) Not to conflict with the purposes of the church;
- b) To comply with the doctrines or beliefs of the church;
- c) To avoid causing offence to the members of the church;
- d) To avoid causing conflict with the strongly held religious convictions of a significant number of the membership of the church.

Political meetings

The building may not be used by political parties, however, surgeries by an elected MP or councillor will be permitted.

Other faith groups

The building may not be used for the worship or promotion of religions other than the Christian religion.

Appendix 1 Room Hire Agreement (including rates of hire)

Appendix 2 Booking form

