

Inclusion at St Paul's Church

We have recently reviewed how we can make our church and its facilities as accessible for everyone as possible. Here is a summary of what has been provided/can be provided. If you have any questions or would like to request assistance please contact our reception team, ideally in advance of your visit or speak to anyone on arrival to make them aware of your needs.

We have an experienced team dedicated to the role of maintaining best practice in all areas of inclusion and accessibility, if you have any suggestions or reasons for concern please email our reception team reception@stpaulsdorking.org.uk and they can put you in touch with the right person.

Families

- Comfortable black settees in church for feeding babies
- 3 high chairs available in church
- Parent & Baby Crèche area by settees on a Sunday
- Quiet area in foyer with toys and service relayed by speaker. (The speaker may need turning on.)
- Toddler step and toddler toilet seat available in all toilets
- Baby changing mat and potty in the upper disabled toilet
- Microwave available in kitchen for heating baby food / baby bottles. (please ask a warden on Sundays or Receptionist on a weekday)
- First Aid kits for scraped knees etc., available outside the Ladies' toilet.....
- Bike area by the bins to leave bikes
- Place to park buggies / prams in the porch
- Crèche for 0-2s and Scramblers for 3-7s (Sunday School) available on the lower level at the 10.30 am services
- Groups for 7- 11s and 11s-14s available on the upper level at the 10.30 am services.
- Café church with drinks and snacks is at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month
- 3 shoe bags with colouring things, toys, stories available by the sound desk for small children staying in the 9am service.

(For more info on Children's and Youth activities, services and events - both on Sunday and during the week do look at their dedicated pages on our website - or for more info contact steve@stpaulsdorking.org.uk)

Limited mobility

- On a Sunday Disabled/parking for elderly is available where the cones are on the road, directly outside church.
- Rails to aid getting down steeper slope to church
- Gentle slope for wheeled vehicles
- Level ground for full access to ground level.
- 8 chairs with arms to aid getting up in church
- A disabled toilet on both levels.
- Lift to lower level (There is a slope to the lower level Nursery open on Nursery days.)
- Lift in church to get to choir stalls / communion rail
- Areas in porch / back of church for leaving motorised buggies
- Communion brought down to people who can't get up to communion. (Please ask a warden when you arrive.)
- Designated person stands at bottom of 2 steps to help people with partial mobility issues up /down from the chancel during Communion

Allergies

- Gluten free wafers and alcohol free wine are available for communion.
- Please register your child's allergies when signing children into the Children and Youth Ministry programmes (Sunday School)

Limited vision / hearing etc.

- Large print service booklets for Communion, Christmas, Lent and Easter services and Morning Prayer.
- Monthly notice sheet enlarged to A3
- 1 large print Bible
- Multimedia screen set to large print with good contrast

- An audio version of most morning sermons is uploaded on the website (under resources)
- Induction loop system in the church