

# St. Peter's Church, Hersham

ATTRACTING, ENGAGING, INVOLVING

## CHURCH HALL CONDITIONS OF LETTING AND REGULATIONS

**Safeguarding:** It is the responsibility of the Hirer to ensure that it complies with all conditions of the Safeguarding Policy adopted by St Peters Hersham PCC, as detailed on the Church's website [www.stpetershersham.com](http://www.stpetershersham.com). An acknowledgement of this responsibility is included in the booking application form. The Hirer is also bound by all statutory provisions pertaining to the safeguarding of both children and vulnerable adults. In addition, no child or vulnerable adult should be allowed in the Church Hall without the supervisory presence of a responsible adult. Any long term Hirer of The Church Hall is required to provide details of their own Safeguarding Policy if requested.

**Health & Safety:** The PCC has adopted a written Health & Safety Policy, details of which is displayed on the church website [www.stpetershersham.com](http://www.stpetershersham.com) However a Summary of this policy, particularly as it affects the use of the Hall, is displayed in the Hall to the right hand side of the Notice Board just inside the main hall doors. Every hirer or user of the hall is required to read this Summary prior to using the Hall and comply with its requirements in full. No portable electrical appliances are to be brought into the hall unless they have first been tested by a competent electrician and found to be safe.

**Hire Fees:** Hire Fees are set by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and are subject to annual revision. Hire fees include the use of the Hall itself, tables, chairs, heating and lighting – as appropriate and kitchen. If Hirers use the kitchen then all crockery, cutlery and glassware must be washed and dried and returned to the correct places in the kitchen. Failure to comply with this condition will result in an additional charge to the hirer.

**Fee Payments:** All fees must be paid either in cash or by crossed cheque made payable to **HERSHAM PCC** before the date of the hiring. Unless otherwise agreed all fees, including the refundable deposit, must be paid 28 days before the date of the hiring.

**Deposit:** A deposit of £50 is payable by the Hirer no later than 28 days prior to the date of the hiring. This is fully refundable so long as the Hall is left in a clean and tidy condition. All rubbish must be taken away from the Hall; no rubbish is to be deposited in the Hall bins. **Chewing gum and sticky sweets are strictly forbidden.** The floors in the main Hall, kitchen, and toilets must be swept and washed (if necessary) before the Hall is vacated. Failure to adhere to these conditions will result in the full deposit being retained by the PCC. The deposit cheque will be shredded or cash returned if all conditions are met.

**Cancellation by hirer:** A hirer wishing to cancel a booking may do so in **writing** to be received by the Bookings Manager not less than 4 weeks before the date booked. Cancellation less than 4 weeks before the date booked will result in 50% of the hire fees being retained. No refund will be given for a cancellation within 2 weeks of the date booked.

**Cancellation by Hersham PCC:** In exceptional circumstances Hersham PCC reserves the right to cancel this hiring in the event of the premises being required for a wedding, funeral, or church event, in which case the Hirer shall be entitled to a refund of any charge or deposit already paid, unless these are to be carried forward.

**Closing Time of Functions:** Because the rear of the Hall is in close proximity to the residents in Avondale Close, music must be turned off by 11.00 pm latest and the Hall vacated quietly no later than 11.30 pm. Special occasions (such as New Year's Eve) are subject to revised closing times, to be agreed by the Bookings Manager.

**Hirers' Responsibility:** It is the hirers' responsibility to ensure that:

- There are no more than 200 people in the hall at any time.
- The maximum seating capacity of 130 is not exceeded.
- All fire exits and corridors are unobstructed at all times.

**Smoking:** Smoking is strictly forbidden in any part of the premises.

**Smoke machines:** are not permitted. Our smoke detectors are not that intelligent to differentiate between smoke and vapour and a smoke machine will activate the smoke detector and the fire alarm.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol may be consumed on the premises at private functions without a license. Alcohol may only be sold once a suitable license has been acquired from Elmbridge Borough Council.

**Damage:** If any damage occurs to the fittings, fixtures, building or furniture, either in the hall itself, the kitchen or the toilets, then it is the responsibility of the hirer to reimburse the HPCC for the cost of the replacement of these items.

**Decorations:** Decorations may be put up using bluetac. No drawing pins or nails may be used and please do not use sellotape as this damages the paintwork

**Insurance:** The HPCC have insured the building and its contents against fire, burglary and theft, but they have no responsibility for loss, damage or theft of material property belonging to any hirers of the Hall, their employees or their patrons.

**Personal Injury Disclaimer:** The PCC shall not be liable for the death or injury to any person using the Hall or equipment therein or for damage to property arising out of the use aforesaid and the Hirer shall indemnify the PCC against all claims, demands, actions or proceedings of whatsoever nature in respect of any death or injury or damage to property aforesaid.