

# Christ Church, St Leonards on Sea

The Parish Centre  
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“As a church Christ Church’s primary purpose is the daily round of prayer and worship – Morning Prayer at 8:45am, Evening Prayer at 6:30pm and the Daily Mass. Bookings are arranged round the times of these acts of worship, and we ask for the cooperation of those who book the church in helping us to maintain this schedule. Our ministry as a parish church is a priority, and, accordingly, it may be necessary to rearrange bookings at relatively short notice in the event of the church being required for a funeral.” (T&C’s)

Canon F15 of the Church of England states that:

*The churchwardens and their assistants shall not suffer the church or chapel to be profaned by any meeting therein for temporal objects inconsistent with the sanctity of the place*

The casual hire and use of Christ Church and the Parish Centre is governed by the Canon F16 of the Church:

*F 16 Of plays, concerts, and exhibitions of films and pictures in churches*

*1. When any church or chapel is to be used for a play, concert, or exhibition of films or pictures, the minister shall take care that the **words, music, and pictures are such as befit the House of God, are consonant with sound doctrine, and make for the edifying of the people.***

*2. The minister shall obey any general directions relating to such use of a church or chapel issued from time to time by the bishop or other the Ordinary.*

*3. No play, concert, or exhibition of films or pictures shall be held in any church or chapel except the minister have first consulted the local or other authorities concerned with the precautions against fire and other dangers required by the law to be taken in the case of performances of plays, concerts, or exhibitions of cinematograph films, and the said authorities have signified that the proposed arrangements are a sufficient compliance with the regulations in force as to precautions against fire or other dangers.*

*4. If any doubt arises as to the manner in which the preceding clauses of this Canon are to be observed, the minister shall refer the matter to the bishop or other the Ordinary, and obey his directions therein.*

Bookings will only be accepted after consultation with the Rector and Churchwardens, and will be in accordance with the Canons of the Church of England, the PCC Safeguarding Policy, PCC Health and Safety Policy, and after appropriate Risk Assessment.

The Rector and Churchwardens reserve the right not to hire facilities to organisations or individuals not approved by them or not recommended to them by a church member acting as guarantor.

The Rector and Churchwardens reserve the right not to hire church facilities to other Christian denominations or religious groups, or permit to be undertaken or promoted other activities not considered acceptable by the Rector and Wardens.

### **Political Parties hiring Church Facilities**

Hiring the church facilities for political purposes or by serving or prospective politicians / councillors is at the discretion of the Rector and Churchwardens.

### **Liability**

The Church will not be held liable for any injuries or loss incurred by the hirer or their guests/clients while on the premises.

### **Terms and Conditions of Hire**

These are issued with the booking form, and must be agreed and adhered to.