

Godfirst Church Cheltenham Chapel Usage Policy

The Chapel is a significant part of Godfirst Church Cheltenham’s mission, history and heritage. The staff and trustees of Godfirst Church have the responsibility for promoting the use of the premises by the Church and also of maintaining them for use and enjoyment by future generations.

In order to ensure this, the Godfirst Church trustees have agreed that the Chapel and its premises may only be used by members of the church congregation or, subject to availability and the discretion of the trustees, other persons who may help the mission of Godfirst Church Cheltenham, by meeting our charitable objectives, they being:

- 1) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in Cheltenham and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Trustees may from time to time think fit; and
- 2) to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected to the charitable work of the Charity as the Trustees may from time to time think fit.

In line with these objectives, the Godfirst Church premises, are to be used primarily as Godfirst Church Cheltenham’s office site and for the church program including, but not limited to, Church services, children’s work, prayer meetings, ministry training, group meetings, and community events connected to the congregation of Godfirst Church.

In addition to these uses, the staff and trustees of Godfirst Church may offer the building for hire in order to meet the charitable objectives listed above. This includes both building a membership within the church community and generating additional income for Godfirst; both in order to enable Godfirst Church Cheltenham to achieve its charitable objectives. Members of Godfirst Church Cheltenham and Godfirst Church Cheltenham’s Christian Partner Organisations who share the same charitable objectives to advance the Christian faith may, therefore, hire the building for activities, functions, or celebrations, subject to availability and hire charge.

For all users of the Chapel, there is an expectation that the premises and its facilities will be operated under a code of behaviour which requires that all persons will be treated with dignity and respect at all times and that the facilities will be well maintained throughout usage. Accordingly, we reserve the right to immediately disband any activities that fall outside of this expected code of behaviour.