

If you think there is something we could do to improve our welcome or anything else, please speak to someone about it today or if you would rather email from the website which is anonymous, use the address [welcome@himleyroad.co.uk](mailto:welcome@himleyroad.co.uk)

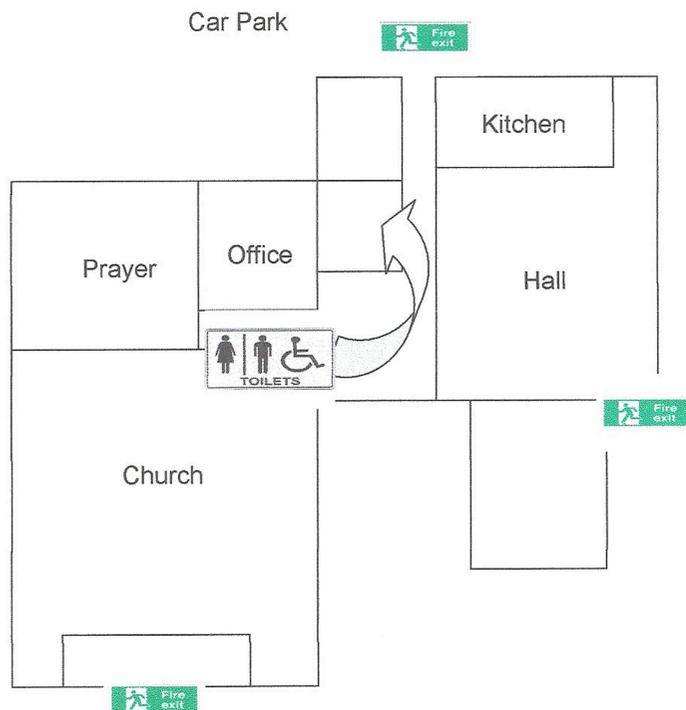
Rev'd Kevin Jones is the Minister of the Church, if you would like to contact him directly his number is 01902 664773

If you would like us to remain in contact with you please complete

**Your Name:** .....

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*No one will pester you but if you would rather not give your details at the moment we understand.*



Hello, if this is your first time at Himley Road Church then we would like to extend a special welcome to you.

We realise going to a new church can be something of a daunting experience and really do want you to feel you have already overcome the biggest hurdle just by being here. We are glad you came and we want you to return so its important to us that you feel comfortable here.

The information in this leaflet should help you to get up to speed more quickly but if the answer you are looking for isn't here then please ask whoever is sitting close to you.

The building exists most importantly as a place for people to worship God and learn more about Jesus. We know people can do that anywhere and don't need a special building but we find it helps to meet together with others who feel the same. There is no age limit, admission fee or entry qualifications. The only requirement for you to be accepted here is for you to want to be here.

Jesus is the same, Yesterday, Today and Forever. Churches, however, are not, songs change, sermons and preachers change and individuals feel differently from day to day so please try not to judge us on one visit. We are human and we do make mistakes but we also forgive each other for making them.

Morning Services are usually more informal as there are more families with young children attending, they start at 10.45am and usually end around 12 noon. Evening services start at 6pm and finish around 7.45pm though they may not always be in this building.

### **Before the Service:**

There are no reserved seats, sit wherever feels right. If you are early there may be music playing, there may be singing, people will be talking. If you are late don't worry you won't be last. You should have been given a **Connect** when you came into church, this is our weekly printed notice sheet which has the latest news, contact details and other relevant information. If you haven't been given one ask someone to find you a copy. If you have a hearing aid with a T loop function this will improve the sound quality. Song words, Bible readings or anything you may need to read should appear on the front screen in large text. If you have difficulty reading the screen then song books including large print versions are available on request from the main entrance. Bibles are under the seats.

### **During the Service:**

**We sing:** usually standing up, on average about 5 or 6 songs spread throughout the service, someone at the front will announce when to stand and sit. Everyone can sing even if they think they can't and no one will judge you on the quality, its not X-Factor its praise to God, the words are more important than the tune.

**We pray:** usually the leader at the front will pray out loud to God whilst the congregation is sitting down in silence. Others in the congregation may pray out loud too if they feel led to, it doesn't mean you have to if you dont want to.

**We learn:** The Minister, or a local or visiting preacher will give a talk based on a lesson from the Bible. Each week it will be someone different with a different message, so the content and delivery changes accordingly. Children and teenagers will go to their classes at some point before this giving them and the adults time apart from each other to focus on what is being said.

**We give:** Regulars support the church through gifts of their time and money, so there will be a collection for the work of the church and to support the children the church has adopted through Compassion UK at some point during the service. As our guest you are not expected to give unless you really feel you want to.

### **After the Service:**

There is time to socialise and meet new friends over a tea or coffee in the church hall, (through the right hand door at the front of the church). The toilets and baby change facilities are also this way on the left of the corridor. There is no charge for drinks and it's a great place to ask more questions about the service and tell us what you thought about it.

If you feel in any way affected by what has been said or done during your visit please tell someone. Also if you would like to be prayed with privately after the service for healing or any other reason then again please just ask.

### **We are "family friendly"**

There are bags of age appropriate toys/books in church to keep little ones occupied. Please dont worry if they make a noise in the service, many of us have been there and its never as bad as you think it is. If you really feel you need to take them out for a while thats ok and its also ok to come back in whenever you want. Baby changing facilities are within the Ladies toilets. Hot and Cold Drinking water is available in the kitchen (opposite Ladies Toilets). There is a creche for younger ones when the childrens classes take place if that would help, ask when the children leave.

All of our volunteers are checked for previous criminal records and are cleared to work with children and vulnerable adults.

### **What next?**

Our website [www.himleyroad.co.uk](http://www.himleyroad.co.uk) is the best place to keep up to date on what is happening. It has all the detail that the printed **Connect** has and much more. We would love to see you again whenever you can make it. If you think Himley Road is not for you, thats ok too, we are not in competition with other churches, its knowing Jesus that really counts.