Inclusive Church

Joining Questions

1. **I am filling out this for a**
   - New application
   - Renewal of existing
   - Rejoining

Inclusive Church Statement:

2. I confirm that my church's elected council, or equivalent, have discussed, confirmed and minuted agreement with the above statement

Your church

3. Your name and role within your church
4. Your church's **formal name***

   (if you would like to register more than one church, you will need to do them separately)
5. Your church's informal/local name
6. Are you part of a local group of churches?
7. Is your church part of another church?

   If your church is a plant or off-shoot from another (inclusive) church and falls under their oversight (PCC or elders etc) please provide details.
8. Is your church/denomination a member of one of the groups below?*
   - Churches Together in Britain
   - Evangelical Alliance
   - Other – please name

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9. Please provide details of the safeguarding authority or policy under which your church operates (e.g., denominational safeguarding body, local authority, or independent policy framework).*

10. Please confirm if you have any of the following
    - Safeguarding posters on site
    - Physical copy of the policy on site (publicly)
    - Digital copy of the policy on site
    - Policy available on request
    - We have safeguarding leads (not ministers/clergy)
    - Volunteers are given safeguarding contacts
    - All small group leaders receive regular safeguarding training

11. What is the size of your **congregation**?

    This is an estimate. If someone was to turn up on an average week to your primary church service, how many would be there (including those with roles)?

12. Of those attendees, what percentage would you estimate are usually under 18?

    These are just a rough guide of what is typical at your main worship gatherings, not for baptisms or specific services at families and children/young people (unless that is considered your main demographic)

    - Negligible
    - Less than 5%
    - Around 10%
    - Around 25%
    - Around half
    - Around 75%
    - Everyone

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13. How many people regularly engage with your church?

If you have multiple congregations or a number of regular groups, can you estimate how many different individuals regularly engage with you across an average month? (So don't count the same person multiple times).

14. Which **denomination** does your church belong to?

- Baptist Union
- Church of England
- Church of Scotland
- Church in Wales
- Lutheran
- Methodist Church
- Non-denominational
- Orthodox
- Pentecostal
- Quaker
- Roman Catholic
- Scottish Episcopalian
- United Reform Church
- Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) – please specify which denominations are involved in the partnership
- Other – please name

15. How often do you meet for **gathered worship**?*

- At least once a week
- Every other week
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Other – please specify

Primary Contact

16. Correspondence address*

17. Primary contact name*

Who will be the primary contact person for us to connect and communicate with your church through? We suggest it is not your minister, but a member of the lay leadership.

18. Primary contact email address*
19. Primary contact phone number

    This will not be shared publicly, but will be used for Inclusive Church getting in touch with you. In the first instance we will use the contact email address provided.

Profile - basic

20. Church address*

    This is the address that will be displayed on the Inclusive Church directory and will be used by people who want to visit your church on site (street and town)

21. Church postcode*

22. What is the address of your church website?
23. Lead church minister
24. Are there public transport links nearby?

    Please only indicate transport within 5 minutes walking distance and which runs regularly on important days (eg. Sundays)

- Bus
- Train
- Tram

25. Do you have car parking facilities?

- Free on site parking
- On street parking only
- No parking available
- Paid car parks nearby

26. What is the setting of your church?

- Rural
- Estate
- Urban
- Suburban
- Campus
- Digital

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Profile – Services and Worship

27. Are your services primarily online or in person?
    - Online only
    - In person only
    - Only and in person combined
    - A mixture of online or in person
    - Other – please specify

28. I would describe our church as…
    - Café/discussion
    - catholic
    - Contemplative
    - Charismatic
    - Emergent
    - Eucharistic
    - Evangelical
    - Formal
    - Fresh expression
    - High church
    - Informal
    - Liturgical
    - Low church
    - Outdoor
    - Traditional

29. Is there specific provision for children?
    - We have a prepared space for play
    - Children go out during the service for age specific input
    - Toys, books and sensory aids provided
    - We have a selection of Play Church resources
    - We have groups for children and young people during the week
    - We have all-age services.

30. Please indicate any further information about your provision for children

    Eg Children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult

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31. Which of these are regularly used in services

Please tick all that apply

- Music group
- Organ/piano
- Choir
- Listening to music
- Singing to recorded music
- We don't usually have music

32. When a service includes **communion**, what do you usually provide?

Please tick all that apply

- Alcoholic wine
- Non-alcoholic wine
- Communion wafers (containing wheat)
- Bread (not wafers)
- Gluten free bread
- Coeliac friendly option
- Common cup
- Individual cups

33. Distribution of communion

Please tick all that apply

- Children welcome to receive
- Open table, any who wish to are welcome to
- Available to anyone who is a baptised Christian
- Restricted to those our denomination accepts

Profile – facilities

34. Do you have baby changing facilities?

- Yes, on request
- Yes, in gendered spaces
- Yes, gender neutral spaces
- Yes, in accessible toilets
- No

35. Is your church a breastfeeding-friendly venue

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

36. Facilities

Please tick all of the following that apply

- Running water
- We have a set aside quiet space always
- We have fixed seating and/or pews
- Our main lighting is fluorescent
- Permanent step-free access
- Temporary ramps
- Lift
- Hearing loop system
- Fully wheelchair accessible
- Kitchen
- Kettle and microwave
- Well heated

37. Toilet facilities

Please ensure toilet facilities are clearly signposted and labelled. We would encourage facilities to be gender-neutral if possible and for there to be covered bins provided in all cubicles and washing space. If possible, please ensure there are coat and bag hooks at multiple heights.

- We do not have a toilet
- We have a toilet
- We have multiple (gendered) toilets
- Gender neutral toilet(s)
- Accessible toilet
- “Changing Places” toilet
- Toilets fitted with grab handles
- We have toilet seats in contrasting colours to the pedestal and/or walls to aid visual identification

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38. What is your church's position on equal marriage?

Recognising that the journey towards offering equal marriage varies across denominations, please indicated your (local) church's current position on this

- We conduct same-sex marriage
- We offer blessings not marriages
- We offer Prayers of Love and Faith, or similar
- We are in active discernment
- None of the above

39. Tell us about representation in your church leadership and congregation

- Leadership is not confined to one gender exclusively
- Leaders wear badges or introduce themselves with their pronouns
- We have LGBTQ folk in positions of leadership
- Racially and/or ethnically diverse leaders
- Racially and/or ethnically diverse congregation
- We have leaders with visible disabilities
- We have leaders with invisible disabilities and/or additional needs
- We have members with visible disabilities and/or additional needs

40. Do you use incense?

We're asking this because some people actively seek churches with this, but also because some people find incense distracting or have an allergy

- Yes, frequently
- Yes, sometimes
- No

41. Do you use bells?

We're referring here to bells being used inside the church as part of the service – not to peeling bells in your bell tower

- Yes, frequently

- Yes, sometimes
- No

42. How structured are your services?

We understand that you might have different types of services, so please answer this as indicative of your most common or most frequent service

- They follow a set, predictable structure
- There is occasional variation
- There is space for creative response
- There is very little structure

43. Is all liturgy provided in written form?

This might be on a screen or in a book. Sometimes churches expect participants to know responses and don't provide them

- Yes (the whole liturgy)
- Yes (responses only)
- No

44. Do you have the following aids present at services?

Tick all that apply

- hearing loop system
- screens displaying text
- large print booklets
- BSL interpretation
- Makaton/actions

Donation

45. How would you like to manage your giving?*

This helps us to identify your donation and ensure our records are accurate

- Annual donation
- Standing order

46. What will your initial contribution be?

This is to help us identify your donation and ensure our records are accurate

I am happy for you to store this form submission*