

## The Grove Methodist Church Access Statement

The Grove Methodist Church is situated on Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4RJ. The building consists of the Chapel area for worship and an attached Community Centre which offers many different activities both church and outside hirers. The church area is open for morning worship every Sunday at 10.30 am or 9.00 for holy communion services. Occasional evening services are also held and full details can be found on our website: [grovemethodist.org.uk](http://grovemethodist.org.uk). All are welcome. The website also lists some of the many activities here at the Grove or you can contact the Premises Manager whose contact details are below.

The church is accessible for people on foot via the church drive. There is some limited parking available on Sundays via this driveway but you are advised to use the main church car park. The main church car park is situated on the Street behind Town Street at New Street, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4BH, we also have a car park 100 yards further up New Street behind the Grove Centre.

### **Disabled / General access and facilities.**

Accessing the church worship area from the church drive you are faced with 4 steps to climb and no disabled ramp access. From the main church car park there is disabled access to the church via a ramp. If you are attending the Grove Centre which has two entrances, one at the front and the main entrance down the side of the building then disabled access is no problem at either entrance. The Church and the Centre are on two different levels but we have a lift for those unable to use stairs to access either.

All rooms with the exception of our children's activity room and a small room we call the parlour, adjacent to the Church building, are served by a hearing loop. The Church has large text books available and we have two disabled / nappy change toilet facilities situated at both entrances to the Centre and accessed from the Church or Parlour via a lift.

All surfaces of the car parks are flat or slightly sloping and are made from tarmac and in good condition, presenting no hazards for users. There is ample lighting on both car parks during the dark hours.

Inside the entrance to the Church it has a carpet tile surface and the entrances to the Grove Centre are both carpeted. Carpets are all short pile and are easy for wheelchair users and present no hazards for all users. All entrances are lit by a combination of natural and artificial lighting.

During Church services there are stewards on duty to assist as required. Music is played and Hymns are sung during the services and the speaking participants use microphones linked to the hearing loop system. We also have a large projector screen used at some services.

The inner body of the Church comprises mainly of enclosed box pews but conversions have been made to allow space for disabled and wheelchair users. Some spaces situate you within the middle of the Church and afford a good view of all participants. All other areas are wheelchair accessible with the exception of a stage situated in the main hall of the Grove Centre and the balcony of the church.

If attending our premises via train, the nearest station is Horsforth train station which is approximately 1.5 miles from the Church. Opposite the exit from the station and to the right is a bus stop served by the 50 & 50A bus which bring you to the Town Street terminus. This stop is situated 150 yards from the Church drive, heading back up Town Street. From the bus stop to the Church the pavements are constructed of paving slabs and are at the time of this statement in good condition.

If travelling by car then please use the address New Street, Horsforth and if using Sat Nav then use the postcode LS18 4BH to take you to our car parks.

The car parks on site are free and there is parking available on one side of New Street. We have one space marked for disabled on the Church car park and two spaces marked for parents and toddlers or disabled on the Centre car park. There are other car parks available nearby.

Both buildings are only open when the various activities are in session. If you are visiting other than during Church service hours or to attend one of our groups, then please contact the Premises Manager Alan 07985745525.

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