



Bamber Bridge Methodist Church

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Introduction:

The Methodist Church is located on the busy Station Road which runs through urban Bamber Bridge. It is a purpose built modern building with worship hall and most essential facilities on the ground floor. The building is integral with the Methodist / Anglican church infants and junior school and houses an entrance area, worship area, Male/female toilets including a disabled/infant changing toilet, kitchen and servery with a fellowship room separated from the main hall by a bi-folding door. The worship area has an audio/visual control desk with associated screens and speakers, and for those with hearing difficulties a loop system distributes the sound. During services words of Hymns are usually displayed on screens, but some large print books are also available.

Pre-Arrival:

Public transport links, including Bus and Train station are within 500 metres with a pedestrian crossing with dropped kerbs and dimpled tiling within 50 metres of the church.

Car Park and Arrival:

The church has limited on-site free parking at the front, but additional parking to the rear off Wesley Street is available at weekends. A disabled parking space with wide access is positioned in the carpark in front of the main doors. Access from the parking area to the main entrance doors is flat with a dropped kerb and dimpled ramp adjacent to the disabled parking space. Kerbs surrounding the parking area are painted white. The exterior surfaces are all tarmac leading up to the entrance doors. During hours of darkness Pir controlled floodlighting illuminates the immediate area outside the doors.

The doors are manually operated with the left-hand one giving a metre wide aperture. Wheelchair users should seek assistance with the door. The door threshold is slightly ramped and suitable for wheelchair passage it leads into a low pile carpeted entrance area which is common throughout the building. All internal doors are wooden with a minimum of 900mm aperture. Modern lighting units located in the ceiling provide good floor illumination through the entrance into an inner vestibule from which all ground floor rooms and services are accessed.

Should visitors to the building need to access the upstairs meeting room, a staircase leads off the entrance area to the first floor landing. Alternatively a two person lift, suitable for wheelchair access, is located next to the staircase. The lift can be called from either floor by pressing and holding the call button.

The Main worship area or hall:

The main hall is entered from the inner vestibule and is a high ceilinged large room with the altar area at the opposite end of the room and to the left. The carpeted floor is at the same level until the altar area is reached, where there are two steps up to the raised platform. The seating is all modern lightweight movable chairs, mostly interlocked together with some having arms. If a chair with arms is required or a wheelchair space is needed please ask one of the stewards to help. Lighting is from the ceiling and will illuminate the seating area complying with current standards.