

# St Matthew's Church and St Matthew's Church House



## Welcome Policy

We welcome all people irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender or gender identity, age, disability, sexual orientation, income, marital or civil partnership status.

We welcome people from all belief backgrounds; whether of faith, or no faith; practising or not practising.

We value the uniqueness of each person and will endeavour to promote equality of opportunity and participation.

We value freedom of expression, and welcome the use of our premises as a forum for debate and discussion.

We welcome, and will accommodate as far as possible, requests to use our premises by groups or individuals either based in, or serving, our local communities.

However, our premises cannot be used for the promotion of beliefs and values which are fundamentally incompatible with our Anglican Christian beliefs and values. We may also refuse any requests where acceptance could be misconstrued as giving tacit approval to beliefs and practices which are inconsistent with our position as a Christian church. The PCC has final authority when approving use of our premises.