



# Lighting Policy

## All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Church document H&S\_Doc\_001 for all General Health & Safety requirements

### Specific Policy

This Health & Safety (H&S) sub-policy gives advice and guidance on lighting at church.

#### Introduction

This policy is intended to give a broad overview of what a lighting scheme could achieve, and some basic principles to consider regarding the impact of lighting on our church building.

Lighting in All Saints' Church, Walsoken can have a positive or negative impact on people's experience of the building. At the same time, the energy used to run the lighting scheme will add to the church's costs and carbon footprint, so lighting should be effective and energy efficient. If lighting is effective and energy efficient it should allow people to

- 1) See and move around freely.
- 2) Read services sheets and any projected words and images.
- 3) See others in the church (celebrant, choir and congregation).
- 4) Appreciate the building's qualities, architectural details and points of interest (wall paintings, artwork, woodwork, textiles, monuments, sculptural details, architecture).
- 5) Appreciate church services.
- 6) Easily avoid hazards around the building (steps, slopes etc.).
- 7) Contribute to special events, such as concerts.

Using the steps in procedure below will allow for a wider consideration should church lighting be maintained, altered or improved.

### Reference Documents

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers "Lighting Guide 13: Lighting for Places of Worship".

### Procedure

If the PCC at All Saints' Church, Walsoken decides to change the existing lighting within the church then it will be advantageous to consider.

- 1) How natural light affects the interior of the building throughout the day and year.
- 2) How the building is used, including regular and special services as well as midweek activities, and what the routes are moving through the building.
- 3) Identifying areas that may be difficult to navigate, such as steps, towers, or crypts, and areas with specific functions such as vestries, kitchens or toilets.
- 4) Using the opportunity to increase energy efficiency.
- 5) Whether you wish to control lighting effects: this could be the capacity for dimming or different colour temperatures in different areas.
- 6) Whether you wish to highlight special features (architecture, fixtures or fittings). Note that specialist advice will be required on the lighting of sensitive objects such as wall paintings.
- 7) The type and location of cabling runs, as they should not only be disguised, which can be done using the correct type of cable and containment, but also must not cause any damage to the fabric.
- 8) Ensuring that lighting is not positioned so that it produces a disturbing or distracting glare.
- 9) How the repair and maintenance of light fittings will be managed.
- 10) Re-using existing light fittings that have a historic connection to the church. If they have heritage value in themselves, it is possible to upgrade old fittings and make them compliant with modern standards.
- 11) Choosing new fittings of a scale and character suitable to the building.

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Once this has been considered the following may make economic or convenient sense.

- 1) Could sensors be used instead of switches?
- 2) Would LED lighting be more reliable and cheaper to run?
- 3) What colour temperature should be used as standard?
- 4) How bright should the lights be?
- 5) Aesthetics. What would look the best?
- 6) Where are the best places for switches or controls?

### Forms

None

### Diagrams

None

### Appendices

None

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