

Parish Church of St Peter, South Weald: Parochial Church Council

Car Park Policy

Context

The church is very fortunate to have a large and relatively well-surfaced Car Park. Whilst there have been proposals over the years for “marking out” for cars in some way, this has not been pursued, mainly on cost grounds. The park has been extended over time and can now accommodate over 100 cars, even given the current trend for larger vehicles. It is used for church services (including mid week), parking for parents delivering/collecting children during term time and by users of the Belli Centre.

Use

The PCC welcomes the use of its parking facilities by the school. However, in every case other than daily collection and delivery times, it is a requirement that permission for such use is gained from the Verger. Also, the PCC requires users to respect this as a privilege and to ensure that use for church events and services (including week day services such as funerals) are respected as a priority. This is a requirement by the PCC for continuing use by other than the church. In the case of any dispute between uses, the Vicar and/or Churchwardens shall have full powers of determination, which will be reported to the PCC at a subsequent occasion.

Charges

At this time, the PCC does not intend to charge for any use. It reserves the right to review and amend this decision.

Traffic Flow.

The PCC must at all times have regard to the health and safety of those on the church premises, including the car park. With this in mind, it has agreed the following:-

1. During church services, the flow for car park ingress/egress will be signalled in a clockwise direction, by notices from time to time. This will mean leaving clear passage for vehicles to exit on the south side of the car park.
2. For parental parking for school use at morning and afternoon collection, traffic will enter and leave using the northern approach only and no “flow” will be encouraged. This is to secure the best “sight lines” for those entering and leaving the car park, bearing in mind that both may happen concurrently
3. For other use, the clockwise flow will be encouraged

Notices

These will be placed to indicate the clockwise flow to operate during services.

Disability Issues

The PCC has designated an area for drop off for people with disabilities. This has worked well and users will be reminded to respect this area at all times

Review

This Policy will be reviewed every three years or as the need arises, initially by the Finance & Premises Committee with any recommendations for change being taken to the PCC for approval.