

## Aston Tirrold United Reformed Church Fire Safety Policy

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1. A Fire detection and emergency lighting system is installed in the Centre for Reflection which is inspected and maintained annually under an arrangement with an authorised fire safety company (currently Executive Fire Protection Ltd.).
2. The Fire Safety procedure is read out at the beginning of any event in the Church at which a significant number of people unfamiliar with the premises are present. A battery torch (held on permanent charge) is kept in the vestry.
3. Fire evacuation plans are posted in the Church, the Vestry and all rooms in the Centre used by the public, showing the locations of emergency exits, all fire equipment and the fire assembly point.
4. Six fire extinguishers and a fire blanket are available on site and are inspected and maintained annually by an authorised fire safety company (currently Executive Fire Protection Ltd.).
5. The mains electrical installations in the Centre and the Church are inspected by a qualified electrician every 5 years, **most recently in 2016**. PAT testing will be carried out on portable electrical appliances at the same time if the electrician considers it necessary.
6. The Booking form for hire of the Church and/or Centre will be amended to include a reminder to hirers of the need to take all steps necessary to ensure that every visitor is accounted for in the event of an emergency evacuation.
7. Any feedback or questions regarding this policy should be directed to the minister (when in post) or any elder (*contact details on the back page of the church newsletter*).
8. The policy will be reviewed annually by the elders and referred to the Church Meeting for formal approval.

Approved by elders:

Approved by church meeting: 25 February 2024

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