

Overview

Christ Church Abingdon is located in a set of converted barns around a large yard, which until the mid 20th century was used for a dairy farm. A more modern building was added at that stage with a church hall and meeting rooms. The level nature of the site means that most of it is accessible by wheelchair, using ramps where necessary. The accessible toilet was refurbished in 2022.

The dairy yard is now a large tarmacked car park. There are three blue badge spaces. Access from the road to the car park is flat but there is no pedestrian route at its entrance.

The pedestrian route to the church is from the pavement in front. Cars may be parked on the paved area here if necessary but the area has heavy pedestrian use at times so it should be avoided if possible.



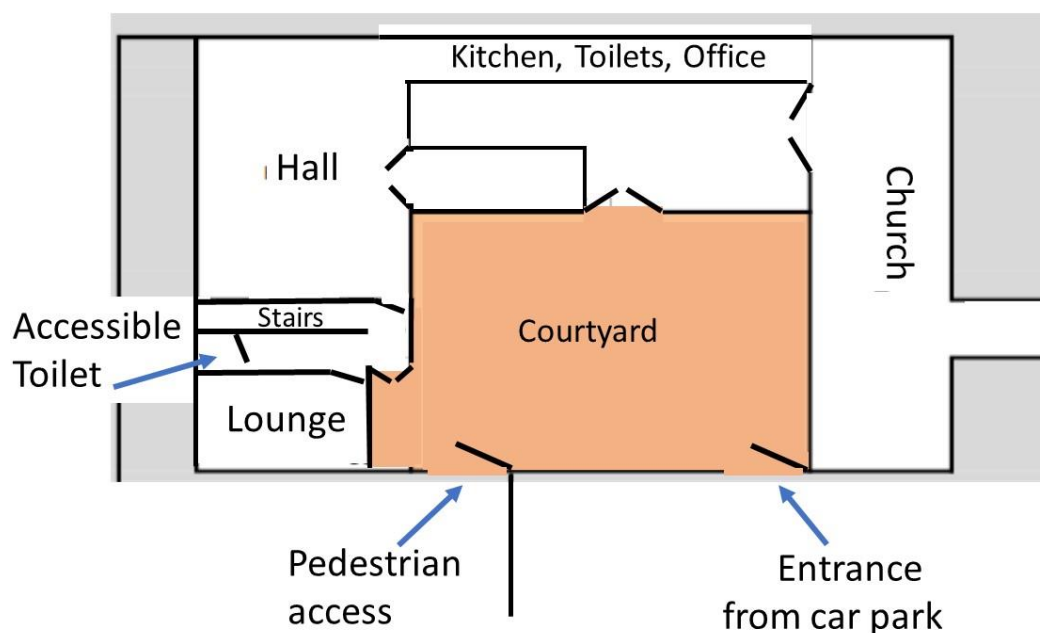
Church and buildings from the road



Pedestrian access from the road,

Buildings around courtyard

The church (the tithe barn) and a newer two storey church hall are sited around a small internal courtyard, off the main yard. A ramp leads from the car park up to the courtyard. From here there is a paved route to the church entrance. However the turning angle may not accommodate the largest wheelchairs; if this is a problem the church must be approached from the paved area by the road. Some people too may prefer to use a flat entrance to the area rather than the ramp from the car park.



Schematic map of buildings around courtyard showing entrances (not to scale)



Access to courtyard from car park



Path to church from ramp

Access to church

The church is approached through a foyer which is accessible by a ramp (the double doors are opened for church services or on request). Once in the foyer the church, the hall and toilets all have level access. The accessible toilet may be accessed through the hall. There is also a small kitchen on the same level.



Alternative access to church hall and accessible toilet

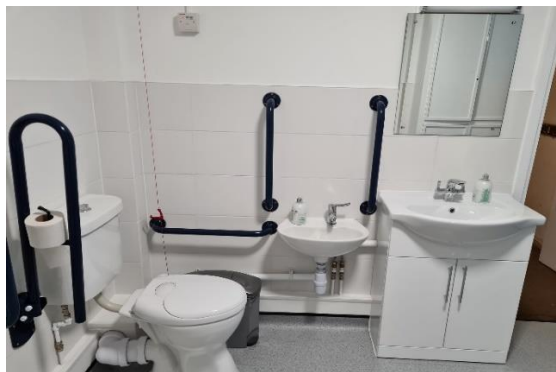
An alternative access to the hall and accessible toilet is from the courtyard. It is likely this would be needed during services when the hall is in use for children's groups. The lounge (a small meeting room) also has level access from this entrance. However the 'upper room' used from time to time for meetings, which is situated above the lounge, is accessible only through stairs, which have one turn.



Access to church hall and accessible toilet from courtyard



Stairs to upper room, toilet entrance



Views of Accessible toilet

Other buildings around carpark

Another barn is located off the carpark (facing onto Northcourt Road) and is used for meetings and events. It has wide level access from the car park. The Barns Café which is located in the same building, also has level access with a good downstairs seating area. All rooms in that barn, which include a prayer room, staff offices and an accessible toilet, have level access



Barn 2 entrance from the car park



Café entrance from car park

A further building off the carpark, the Corner Suite, is partially accessible, with level accessibility to some areas but tight turning spaces. There is no accessible toilet. Staff offices also face the car park but have a step into them.



Corner suite entrance

Long Furlong School ([Long Furlong Primary School](#))

A congregation also meets at Long Furlong School on Sundays. The school has level/ramped access to the hall where services are held, with a blue badge parking space immediately outside the main entrance. There are toilet cubicles adapted to those with a disability.