

Directory of places of worship in Lewisham

for the purpose of educational visits

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(Lewisham SACRE)

Lewisham Directory of Places of Worship for educational visits

Integrating visits into a programme of Religious Education provides key opportunities for compelling learning experiences that enhance pupil understanding; whether the experience is in the form of a single visit to a place of worship or a series of visits planned as a faith trail. Teachers are critical in the design and development process of these educational visits. Trails or visits provide links between the various participants involved, pupils, members of faith communities and parents / carers so that all who are who are supporting and delivering the learning that pupils will experience are involved.

Planning your visits

During the experience pupils can:

- Experience being in a holy place and consider what it means to a member of that faith;
- Explore each building and its features and learn interactively how it is used;
- Find out what the religious community does to help others locally and abroad;
- Reflect on what the religions have in common and respect the differences;

Based on experience and good practice locally and nationally, the following will help teachers to work through a coherent planning process.

Consider:

- Which part/s of the Agreed Syllabus am I linking the visit to and why?
- What are my aims for a trail or visit? How will I evaluate the learning?
- Which place/s of worship do I want the pupils to visit?

Next decide:

- When do I want the trail or visit to take place (e.g. at the beginning or end of a unit of work or as a significant part of the unit blocked into one half day or day)?
- How do I find out about the local places of worship in my local area (look through this directory and talk to local communities)
- Who do I contact?

Tasks to be undertaken:

- contact the venue/s to agree a mutually agreeable date and time;
- For any type of Trail or visit ensure the hosts are clear about the purpose of the visit, the age, number and ability range of pupils (including any special needs to be catered for) and the number of adults attending. Follow up your contact by email to confirm details;
- Communicate with the hosts what the children know and understand and how the visit is linked to the syllabus;
- Work out journey details;
- Cover the school and LA requirements for safeguarding and risk assessments and communicate about these matters with the venue;

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- Find out any dress or other requirements and sensitivities and ensure parents and pupils are clear about and comply with these;
- Ensure parents /carers are clear about the educational purpose of the visit and how pupils who are not given permission to participate will be looked after in school;
- Get signed permission slips for attendance and inclusion in photographs from parents / carers; Explain to pupils how this learning outside the classroom will enable them to find out more at first-hand about the unit/s of work they are studying; ascertain what expectations there are for social distancing during travel and in the venue/s as well as any sensitivities around any specific medical needs or use of particular protective gels, wipes, sprays or masks;
- Keep in touch with the venue to ensure both sides are aware if your arrangements have to be altered.

It is good practice to bear in mind that whilst some members of a faith community or faith leaders will be very confident and comfortable with the educational focus and aims of the visits, others may be less so. This means sensitive enquiries may be helpful in discerning what advice and briefing they may need.

Important matters to include in the briefings will be:

- Sharing information about what topics the target class are currently engaged with or their focus questions for learning.
- Sharing the learning aims, discussing items in the venue that would be of specific interest (a baptismal Font for example);
- Helping to assess the visits: teachers should share with hosts what kind of feedback will take place once the visits have taken place. This will include comments from the pupils. It is important to encourage and value how successful the hosts felt the visits were and what amendments they might suggest.

In particular teachers should convey to their hosts the following:

- Whilst it is a privilege for the children to be present at and to observe, prayers or other religious activities taking place in the buildings during their visit, it is important that pupils are not asked or expected to join in or take part in any kind of worship.
- A useful reference document exploring these matters is **Sacred Spaces - Learning Outside the Classroom (pdf. © Crown copyright 2008)** to be found at lotc.org.uk
- It is lovely for the children to meet and listen to someone/people who are devout and enthusiastic about their religion, but it is not allowed in any way to try to persuade or convert pupils or suggest that one religion is better than another.
- Although hosts will be sharing their own beliefs, values and practices, hosts should be asked to ensure that they do not say anything derogatory about other religions. Of course, the children will naturally be noticing similarities and differences, but we want to discourage them from making negative comparisons and value judgments and to encourage them instead to understand and respect the differences.

Other sensitivities to bear in mind relate to pupils observing worship activities in any context where it might be considered that, merely by being present or observing dress sensitivities, they are taking part in that act of worship. An example can be found in the context of a visit to a Hindu temple, where it is common for hosts to offer food as Prashad to all who gather for

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the ceremony. Pupils should not be expected to accept this offering, except under the clear understanding that it is as a mark of respect and NOT worship.

Finally, it is important to have discussed with the host community matters of safeguarding and associated risk assessment. Consideration of and adherence to Local Authority and school policies are essential.

Parents and Carers¹

As referred to earlier, prior to the visits it is important to communicate with parents and carers as much detail as possible and this will include:

- Sharing the educational aims of the trail (see above). Religious Education in schools enables children to share their own beliefs and learn about the beliefs and experiences of others; the purpose of RE is not to challenge and remove the faith of children or to try to convert them. All of the visits must take place in this spirit;
- Briefing them on why it is important in RE for pupils to meet members of the Faith and Belief communities in person;
- Explaining that observing and exploring faiths (as in the visits planned) is an opportunity to discuss what the faiths have in common and learn about and respect the differences;
- Encouraging any concerns to be explored aired and / or negotiated in a sensitive manner;
- Explaining the importance of acquiring their views on the experience of the visits, circulating evaluation forms explaining what role they play in planning future visits in including parents and carers in future planning;
- Sharing details of dress codes required to be observed by pupils and adults attending will require a briefing on the expectations about modest dress. For example, this might include males and females attending wearing loose fitting trousers or asking girls wearing skirts to ensure their hems fall below the knee. Shoes are removed at mosques and temples. Head coverings (scarves) for women are the norm in mosques (optional for girls), Gurdwaras and may be required in some synagogues;
- Reminding parents / carers that occasionally food may not be allowed in certain venues and that pupils need to bring vegetarian packed lunches to respect Kosher and Halal traditions;
- Arranging contact details in case of changes in plans.
- Parents and carers of children withdrawn from any trip or visit, should be informed of the alternate provision that the school is making for their child while the class is off site.

¹ It is important that schools advise parents/carers of their legal rights to withdraw their children from Religious Education this is usually found in the school prospectus or website.

Christian Places of Worship

BAPTIST

Avenue Baptist Church

Address: 98 Avenue Road,
Beckenham,
Kent, BR3 4SA

Contact: Tel: 020 8676 3785
Email: pastor@avenuebaptist.org

Other information: This Baptist Church is a member of the London Baptist Association. The congregation has around 50 adults and 25 children and youth. The church was founded just over 100 years ago, at the time this area was being built up. All the congregation live quite close to the church and feel that they live and worship in Beckenham not by accident, but because God wants them to be there.

Brockley Baptist Church

Address 60 Upper Brockley Road,
Brockley,
London SE4 1ST

Contact: Church tel: 020 8691 2892
E-mail: info@brockleybaptist.org.uk
Minister tel: 020 8691 3926
Secretary tel: 01322 528561 yvonne@brockleybaptist.org.uk

Other information: Party size 50. Disabled access. Toilets. Donation appreciated.

Brownhill Road Baptist Church

Address: 292 Brownhill Road,
Catford,
London SE6 1AU

Contact: Church tel: 020 8697 0754
Minister tel: 020 8697 0754
Secretary tel: 020 8698 9815

Special features: Traditional open baptistry. Founded 1903

Crofton Park Baptist Church

Address: Brockley Grove
London
SE4 1EA

Contact: Telephone: 0208 314 1813
Email: office@croftonpark.org.uk

Special features: Baptistry for total immersion

Other information: Party sized 150 seated, 30 moving around. Disabled access. Toilets

Hither Green Baptist Church

Address: Theodore Road,
Hither Green,
London SE13 6HT

Contact: Church tel: 020 8852 3997
E-mail: webmaster@hithergreenbaptistchurch.org.uk
Minister e-mail: pastor@hithergreenbaptistchurch.org.uk
Secretary tel: 020 8318 3819

Special features: Baptistry for total immersion. Founded 1913.

Other information: Party size: up to 100 seated, moving around 50. Disabled access.
Toilets

Perry Rise Baptist Church, Forest Hill

Address: Perry Rise
Forest Hill
London SE23 2QL

Contact: Rev Margaret Gibbs
Tel: 020 8699 3581
Web: perryrisebaptistchurch.org.uk

Special features: Compton organ circa 1933, one of the last pipe organs made before electronic organs became popular. The church is an unusual shape for a Baptist church – cruciform rather than rectangular.

Other information: Party size 20 – 30. Disabled access. Toilets.
Opening hours: Tues and Thurs 9.30am - 11.30am

Grove Centre Church

Address: Jews Walk, Sydenham,
London SE26 6PL

Contact: Phone Number: 020 8778 8601 (office hrs 9.15am - 2.15pm Mon-Fri)
Email: office@thegrovecentre.org.uk

Special features: Baptist and United Reform Church combined

Other information: A multi-purpose church used for social work activities during the week. Party size 20-25. Disabled access. Toilets.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Church of England churches have been arranged alphabetically by area.

BLACKHEATH

All Saints Blackheath

Address: The Heath, Blackheath
London SE3 OTY
Contact: Tel: 020 8852 4280
Website: www.allsaintsblackheath.org
Email: vicar_blackheath@hotmail.com
Other information: Children Groups: Primary School - 28-30 pupils

Church of the Ascension

Address: Dartmouth Row
Blackheath
London SE10 8AN
Contact: Reverend Anne Bennett, Vicar
Tel: 0208 694 5507
Other information: Part of Ravensbourne Team web: sjht.org.uk
Sunday school, regular choir, an urban priority area, conversation area, the Wash house, hearing/ induction loop, large print hymnbooks and toilets.

BROCKLEY

St Peter, Brockley

Address: Wickham Road
Brockley
London SE4 1LT
Contact: Tel: 07305 078872
Email hello@stpetersbrockley.org.uk
Other information: Party size 30 – 35. Disabled access. Toilets.

St Saviour, Brockley Rise

Address: Brockley Rise
Forest Hill
London SE22
Contact: Fr David Vyvyan (fathervyvyan@gmail.com)
Tel: 020-8690 2499 or 07930 429392
Email: savioursst@gmail.com
Special Features: Rebuilt after war bomb damage. Interesting stained glass. Interesting stained glass. Interesting Baptistry.
Other information: Party size: 30 -35. Disabled access. Toilets. 'Busy as Bees' (children's day-care provider)

CATFORD

St Andrew, Catford

- Address:** Sandhurst Road, Catford
London SE6 1XD
- Contact:** Father Lindsay
Tel 020 8697 2600
Email: fatherlindsay@gmail.com
- Special features:** Fine examples of wood carving. The church, consecrated in October 1904, forms part of the St Germans Estate built by Cameron Corbett as part of the development of South London.
- Other information:** Disabled access/ Ramp. Hearing/ Induction Loop. Toilets. Party size: two classes. Tours available: a) Complete tour; b) Stained glass windows; c) 'The Hunter' organ (not always easy to arrange except if a group has its own organist).

St Laurence, Catford

- Address:** 37 Bromley Road, Catford,
London, SE6 2TS
- Contact:** Parish office: (020) 8698 9706
Email: info@stlaurencecatford.org.uk
- Special features:** Built in 1968 for modern worship 'in the round' Distinguished modern architecture.
- Other information:** A church rooted in the local community. Good resources to serve the needs of a diverse neighbourhood. Valued music tradition. Catholic spirituality.
St Laurence Centre: Attached to St Laurence Church. Includes a large hall: 120 people seating/ 200 standing. Three smaller areas; 50 people each. A youth Centre. Opens to all members of the public. Regular activities English language classes old time dancing, badminton, St John's ambulance.
Phone: 020 8698 9706 to be shown around the centre and the church.

Saint Hilda's Crofton Park

- Address:** Courtrai Road, Crofton Park
London SE23 1PL
- Contact:** Fr Stuart Bates
St Hilda's Vicarage, Buckthorne Road, Brockley, London, SE4 2DG
Tel: 020 8699 1277
E-mail: church.admin@sainthildas.org
Office: 020 8613 0033 (Tue, Thu, Fri 10:30-5.15)
- Special features:** Tower, war memorial "The Glory of England", statue of St Hilda outside. Altars, font, pulpit, organ, Stations of the Cross, holy water stoop, statues, votive candle stand, aumbry, crypt chapel, large candle stick and crucifix.
Church history archive: www.croftonpark.com/sainthildas/archive/

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Other information: Existing as a separate parish for only just over one hundred years, St. Hilda is closely linked to over a thousand years of Lewisham Church History. Party size 20. Toilets.

St John the Baptist, Southend

Address: 353 Bromley Road
London SE6 2RP
Contact: Email: info@stjohnscatford.co.uk
07934 656312

DEPTFORD

Holy Trinity Deptford

Address: Bennett Grove
Deptford
London SE13 7QZ
Contact: Rev Anne Bennett
Tel: 020 8691 7364
Other information: Part of Ravensbourne Team sjht.org.uk
Sunday school. Disabled access. Toilets. Baby changing facilities.
Special features: Party size- up to 10.

St John's, Deptford

Address: St John's Vale
Deptford
London SE8 4EA
Contact: Georgia Ashwell
Email Georgia.stjohnsdeptford@gmail.com
Tel: 07851544443
Special features: Tower, stained glass, organ.
Other information: Part of Ravensbourne Team sjht.org.uk
Regular choir. Sunday school. Disabled access. Toilets. Baby
changing facilities. Party size- 30.

St Nicholas, Deptford Green

Address: St Nicholas Church, Deptford Green,
London SE8 3DQ
Contact: Rev Louise Codrington-Marshall
Tel: 020 8692 2749
Email: stnicholaschurchdeptford@gmail.com
Special features: 14th Century tower. Screen. Memorials to Grinling Gibbons,
Christopher Marlowe and other worthies. Charnel house in grounds.
Fascinating carvings on gatepost.
Other information: Links to the Russian Czars

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St Paul with St Mark, Deptford

Address: Crossfield Street, (off Deptford High Street)
Deptford
London SE8 3DS

Contact: The Rector, Fr. Paul Butler
St. Paul's Rectory, Mary Ann Gardens, Deptford, London SE8 3DP
Tel: 020 8692 7449

Special features: Live music/concert. Conversation area. Supports Fairtrade goods.
Steeple. Floodlighting. Wallpaper/art. Guidebooks. Organ. Visiting
parking. The Crypt available for hire. First Holy Communion classes.

Other information: Disabled access. Toilets.

DOWNHAM

St Barnabas, Downham

Address Downham Way, Bromley
Kent BR1 5EL

Contact: Rev Stuart Leck
St Barnabas Vicarage, 1 Churchdown, Bromley, Kent BR1 5PS
Tel: 020 8698 0283
Email: revdstuartleck@btinternet.com

St Luke's, North Downham

Address: Northover, Downham
Kent BR1 5JX

Contact: Rev Nick Walsh
Tel: 07774516204
Email: revnickwalsh@gmail.com

Other information: Party size 60. Disabled access. Toilets.

St Mark's, North Downham

Address: Baudwin Road, Downham
London SE6 1RN

Contact: Rev Nick Walsh
Tel: 07774516204
Email: revnickwalsh@gmail.com

FOREST HILL

Christ Church Chapel, Forest Hill

Address: Church Rise
Forest Hill
London SE23 2UJ

Contact: Rev Richard Lane
Email: admin@foresthillteam.org
Tel: 020 8613 0295

Special features: Prominent spire; window by Sir Ninian Cowper; building is an example of Gothic revival. The interior has been re-ordered with many original features removed.

Other information Part of stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk/
Converted to accommodation except a small chapel that is for hire.

St George, Forest Hill

Address: Vancouver Road
London SE23 2AG

Contact: Rev Richard Lane
Email: admin@foresthillteam.org
Tel: 020 8613 0295

Other information: Part of stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk

HITHER GREEN

St Swithuns, Hither Green

Address: 191 Hither Green Lane
Hither Green
London SE13 6QE

Contact: Mother Juliet Evans
Tel: 07955229351 or 07878 348948

Special features: Stained glass. Organ.

Other information: Sunday school. Supporting Fairtrade goods.
Party size 30 – 40. Disabled access. No toilet facilities

HONOR OAK

St Augustine, Honor Oak

Address: One Tree Hill
Honor Oak Park
London, SE23 3LE

Contact: Rev Canon Colin J Luke Boswell
Tel: 020 8699 4469

Special features: Altar, font, organ, stained glass windows

Other information: Party size: 50. Disabled access. Toilets.

LEE

Church of the Good Shepherd with St Peter, Lee

Address: Handen Road
Lee
London, SE12 8NP

Contact: Tel: 020 8318 5809
Email: office@goodpeter.org.uk

Special features: The church is dual-purpose combining church and community hall area separated by folding screen

Other information: Party size: 30. Disabled access. Toilets. Good acoustics for music.

St Augustine, Lee

Address: 336 Baring Road
SE12 0DX

Contact: Rev Gavin Berriman
Email: mail@staugustines-grovespark.com
Tel: 020 8857 4941

St Margaret, Lee

Address: The Visitors' Centre
Brandram Road
London SE13 5EA

Contact: Email: office@stmargaretslee.org.uk
Tel: 020 8318 9643
Office hours Tue-Thu 10-12:30

St Mildred, Lee

Address: St Mildred's Road, SE12

Contact: Rev Tom Lake
webform: stmildreds.org.uk/contact-us.html
web: <https://www.stmildreds.org.uk>

St Peter, Lee

Address: Eltham Road, Lee SE12 8HQ

Contact: Tel: 020 8318 5809
Email: office@goodpeter.org.uk

Special features: St. Peter's is a dual-purpose building of modern construction.

Other information: Party size 30. Disabled access. Toilets.

LEWISHAM

St. Mary the Virgin Lewisham

Address: 346 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6LE

Contact: office@lewishamparish.com
Tel: 020 8690 3298

Special features: 15th century tower. Ancient churchyard. This is an historic Christian site dating from the 10th century.

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Other information: Party size 600(?). No disabled access. Toilets.

St Stephen & St Mark, Lewisham

Address: Lewisham High Street, SE13
Contact: St Stephen's Vicarage, Cressingham Road, London, SE13 5AG
Email: info@sswsml.com
Tel: 020 3294 8373
Special features: A fine example of a Gilbert Scott church, built for Tractarian worship.
Other information: Party size 250. Disabled access. Toilets.

NEW CROSS

All Saints, New Cross

Address: 105 New Cross Road
New Cross, London SE14 5DJ
Contact: All Saints Vicarage, 22 Erlanger Road, London, SE14 5TG
Tel: 020 7639 3497
E-mail: allsaintsnx@gmail.com
Parish website: allsaintsnewcross.org
Special Features: The church is built of Kentish rag, in the decorated style of Foreign Gothic. The east windows have glass of 1954 by Goddard and Gibbs.
Other information: Party size- 30-35 Reasonable access. Toilets.

St Catherine, Hatcham

Address: Pepys Road, New Cross
London SE14 5SG
Contact: Rev Sheridan James
St Catherines Vicarage, 102A Pepys Road, London, SE14 5SC
Email: stcatherinehatcham@gmail.com
Tel: 020 7639 1050
Special features: The church was burnt allegedly by the Suffragettes in 1913 and again in the Second World War
Other information: Party size 30-35. Disabled access. Toilets.

St James', Hatcham

Address: St James' Hatcham
New Cross
London SE14 6AD
Contact: Tel: 020 8691 2167
Email: stjameshatchamchurch@gmail.com
Special features: Moved out of the Victorian building 30 years ago. Close links with St. James Primary School and Goldsmith's College.
Youth group. Live music/ concerts. Supports Fairtrade goods. Organ.
A Medium sized hall (useful for young people's activities and teaching. Kitchen available. £18 per hour, £100 deposit for social activities, although these are not encouraged).
Other information: Disabled access. Toilets. Baby changing facilities. Parking.

St Michael's United Church

Address: Desmond Road
London SE14 6JP
Contact: Tel: 020 8691 2167
Email: stjameshatchamchurch@gmail.com
Special features: A modern early 1970s building. A purpose-built church and community centre. It is a dual-purpose building and is used as a nursery during the week. This is a united Church of England and United Reform Church congregation.
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets

SYDENHAM

All Saints, Sydenham

Address: Trewsbury Road
London SE26 5DP
Contact: Father Philip Smith
Tel: 020 8778 3065
Special features: 1901 building by Fellows-Prynne, built in the Anglo-Catholic style. Listed chancel arch. Three altars, font, pulpit.
Other information: Party size 30 – 50. Not easy access (two steps). Toilets in hall next door. Donations to the fabric fund appreciated but not essential.

Holy Trinity, Sydenham

Address: 4 Trinity Path
London SE26 4EA
Contact: Email: office@holytrinity.life
Tel: 020 8699 0172

St Bartholomews, Sydenham

Address: 4 Westwood Hill, London SE26 6QR
Contact: Rev Jim Perry
Email: revjimperry@mailfence.com
Tel: 020 83422 5343
Special features: Impressive early 19th century building in the Gothic style with a large tower. The church features in 'The Avenue, Sydenham' by Pissaro (National Gallery). Arts and crafts reredos. Churchyard with graves. Excellent stained glass, both Victorian and post-war. Crypt (no disabled access).
Other information: Party size up to 2 classes. Disabled access. Toilets.

St Michael and All Angels, Lower Sydenham

Address: Champion Crescent
London SE26

Contact: Rev Richard Lane
Email: admin@foresthillteam.org
Tel: 020 8613 0295

Other information: Part of stgeorgeandstmichael.org.uk

Special features: 1950s rebuild following war damage. Unusual modern font.

Other information: Party size 30 - 50. Disabled access. Toilets.

INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL (non-denominational)

The Bear Church

Address: Shaftesbury Christian Centre, Frankham Street
London SE8 4RN
Contact: Tel: 020 8692 6480
Web: thebear.tv

Christian Fellowship Centre, Honor Oak

Address: 39 Honor Oak Road
London SE23
Contact: Mr Neale Brinkley 0181 699 5724
Special features: The building was first a school then a conference centre which developed into The Christian Fellowship Centre. Baptistry and platform. Other parts of the building are used by a Christian printing press and a missionary society.
Other information: Party size 30 - 35. Disabled access. Toilets.

Forest Hill Community Church

Address: 17 Sydenham Road
London SE26 5EX
Contact: Nigel Desborough
Email: info@foresthill.cc
Other information: Meets on Sunday at Sydenham High School, SE6 6NU.

Ichthus Forest Hill Congregation

Address: Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church, Dacres Road, Forest Hill, SE23 2NR
Contact: Debbie Laycock
Email: admin@ichthusforesthill.com
Tel: 07813 278671

Ichthus, Lee Green Christian Fellowship

Address: 23 Lapstead Road
London SE12 8QL
Contact: Joel & Charis Todd
Email: joel.todd@ichthus.org.uk
Tel: 07950 255630
Special features: Simple, purpose built hall in the 1950s. Baptistry for total immersion.
Other information: Party size 30 - 35. Disabled access. Toilets.

King's Church Centre

Address: Catford Hill
Catford
London SE6 4PS

Contact Senior Pastor: Steve Tibbert
Tel:020 8690 4646
Fax:020 8690 8646
Email: info@kingschurchlondon.org
kingschurchlondon.org

Web: kingschurchlondon.org

Other information: Party size: 300 seated. Special needs: Full access for disabled, hearing loop, Signing at most meetings. Toilets

Special Features: Rainbow group for mothers & toddlers, Wednesday Welcome lunch (55+), Small group midweek meetings, Deaf group.

Kings Church – Downham Site

Address: The Green, Downham Way
London. BR1 5LS.

Contact: Joe Macnamara (Site Leader)
Email: joe.macnamara@kingschurchlondon.org
Tel: 020 8690 4646

Web: <https://kingschurchlondon.org/downham/>

Kings Church – Lee Site

Address: 21 Meadowcourt Road, Lee, SE3 9DU.

Contact: Andy Floyd (Site Leader)
Email: andy.floyd@kingschurchlondon.org
Tel: 020 8690 4646

Web: <https://kingschurchlondon.org/lee/>

Other information: Situated behind the New Tigers Head Pub

METHODIST

Burnt Ash Methodist Church

Address: Burnt Ash Hill
Lee, SE12 0QD
Contact: Tel: 020 8857 5615
Special features: Stained glass window.
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets. Parking in nearby roads and small car park.

Deptford Methodist Mission

Address: 1 Creek Road, Deptford
London SE8 3BT
Contact: Rev David Gillman
Email: dj.gillman@btopenworld.com
Tel: 020 8692 0048
Special features: Three storey Victorian building with 1950s additions. Offices on the upper floors, church is a corner room on the ground floor. This is a mission building serving the disabled and disadvantaged. It does not look like a church but is a centre for extensive caring work in this area. The charity 'Disabled People's Contact' is also part of this cause.
Other information: Party size 30 - 35. Disabled access. Toilets.

Forest Hill Methodist Church

Address: Normanton Street
Forest Hill, SE23 2DS
Contact: Office Tel: 020 8291 6996
E-mail: admin@foresthillmethodistchurch.org
Other information: Large halls and meeting rooms of various sizes, all facilities accessible, lift to upper floors. Free parking onsite.

Hither Green Methodist Church

Address: 53 Torridon Road
Catford, SE6 1RQ
Contact: Rev Bill Tardy
Special features: Small modern chapel.
Other information: This church was developed out of the church hall. The worship area, with disabled access and toilet is on the ground floor, with halls and kitchen above and a stair lift for disabled people incorporated.

Lewisham Methodist Church

Address: 1 Bonfield Road, Lewisham
London SE13 6BY
Contact: Rev Dr Stephen Mauder
Other information: Party size 50 - 60. Disabled access. Toilets. Large car park. This new church has been rebuilt as part of a redevelopment plan.

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Address: 211-213 Sydenham Road
London SE26 5HF

Contact: Rev Charles Ilunga
Email: minister@wesleyhallmethodistchurch.org.uk
Tel: 020 8777 0085

Special features: Edwardian balconied church. Original church and balcony gutted and cleared to provide space for youth work etc.. Worship is in the renovated schoolroom below. Still a few items of Edwardiana.

Other information: Party size 50. No disabled access. Toilets

PENTECOSTAL

Church of God in Christ Brockley Assembly

Address: Shardeloes Road
Brockley, Catford SE4 1DN

Contact: Rev Vivian Bailey
Tel: 020 8692 2709
Email: cogicbrockley@hotmail.com

Church of God in Christ Catford Assembly

Address: 7 Ringstead Road
Catford, London SE6 2BU

Contact: Pastor R Thomas
Tel: 01582 877070
Email: office@cogic.org.uk

Web: cogic.org.uk

Special features: Simple Lord's Table

Other information: Party size 30 - 35. There are four steps. Toilets.

Catford (Assemblies of God) Pentecostal Church

Address: 1 Glenfarg Road
Catford, SE6 1XN

Contact: Email: catfordaog@gmail.com
Tel: 020 8461 1821

Special Features: Simple Lords Table, Baptistry, Pulpit

Other Information: Disabled Access, Toilets,

Deptford New Testament Church of God

Address: Bawtree Road
New Cross SE14 6ET

Contact: Pastor Lloyd Henry
Tel: 020 8692 2967

Web: <http://ntcgdeptford.org>

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Special features: Baptistry, pulpit, communion table. The building was previously a Congregational church built in 1896. The congregation was formed in 1969. The hall is used for a weekday club for the elderly.

Other information: Party size up to 50. Disabled access on request. Toilets.

Elim Pentecostal Church Woolwich

Address: 63-69 Sandy Hill Road
Woolwich SE18 7BQ

Contact: Pastor David Oorloff
Email: info@woolwich-epc.org.uk
Tel: 020 8317 1733

Web: woolwich-epc.org.uk

Elim Brockley

Address: Elim Pentecostal Church Brockley
76-78 Foxberry Road
Brockley SE4 2SH

Contact: Pastor Emmanuel Nelson
Email: admin@elimbrockley.org.uk
Tel: 0208 469 1899
Mobile: 07764984907

Web: elimbrockley.org.uk

Emmanuel Church

A Gateway Church to London and an Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church

Address: 374-376 Lee High Road, Lee,
London SE12 8RS

Contact: Senior Pastor Nick Hughes
Tel: 020 8852 8261
Email: info@epchurachaog.com

Web: www.epchurachaog.com

Special features: Portable Baptistry, Simple Lord's Table, Contemporary Pulpit. Built 150 years ago as Boone's Alms houses and Chapel, then used as an Anglican Chapel. Acquired by Emmanuel (Pentecostal) Church in early 1960s and then part redeveloped in the late 1980s. The Alms houses were demolished in 2014 to make way for proposed redevelopment. Diverse Congregation was formed in the late 19th Century under the Evangelical/Congregational banner and then became a founding member of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain in 1924. Currently a congregation of some 500+ people representing 42 nationalities, midweek youth programme, Sunday children's programme, homeless feeding programme and Drop-In centre, community pantry, Grief Support programme, Marriage Support Programme, Care Home church services, Schools Chaplaincy support, Prison Ministry, Alpha Course.

Other information: Party size 20 - 70. Main Hall capacity 250, modern catering kitchen, Disabled access throughout, Toilets.

Great Beauty Tabernacle

Address: Progress Hall
Admiral Seymour Road
London SE9 1SL

Contact: Pastor 'Layo Segun
Email: greatbeautytabernacle2004@gmail.com
Mobile: 07852929359

Social media: Facebook: @Great Beauty Tabernacle London

Other information: The congregation was formed in 2004. Currently a congregation of some 180+ people representing different nationalities, with Gospel choir. We have midweek virtual youth programme, Sunday children's and young people programme, annual youth camp, homeless feeding programme, member of prison fellowship, Marriage guidance Programme, parenting programme, and Care Home visiting programme.

Lee New Testament Church of God

Address: 370 Lee High Road, Lee
London SE12 8RS

Contact: Administrator: Rev. Andrew Simpson
Senior Leader and District Bishop: Bishop Louis MacLeod OBE

Web: ntcgee.org.uk

Special features: Baptistry, pulpit, communion table. The building was previously a Methodist church. The congregation was formed in 1978. Gospel Choir.

Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

Living Waters Christian Centre

Address: Huxbear House, Huxbear Street
Brockley, SE4 1EA

Contact: Pastor David Brown
Tel: 020 8690 7579
Email: lwcc1uk@outlook.com

Web: <https://lwcc.org.uk>

The Tab London

Address: Algernon Road
Lewisham SE13 7AT

Contact: Pastor Mike White
Email: info@thetab.org.uk
Phone: 020 8691 1000

Web: www.thetab.org.uk

REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD (PENTECOSTAL/ EVANGELICAL)

RCCG His Glory Tabernacle

Address: Unit 19-20 Bellingham Trading Estate
Franthorne Way, Catford
London SE6 3BX
Contact: Pastor Albert Adeboyejo
Tel: 020 8698 8262
Web: <http://www.rccghisglorytabernacle.org.uk>

RCCG Place of His Presence

Address: 268 Baring Road
Grove Park
London SE12 0DS
Contact: Tel: 020 3978 2838
Web: <https://rccg-the-redeemed-christian-church-of-god-place-of-his-presence.business.site>

RCCG Freedom House

Address: Sedgehill Academy, Sedgehill Road
London SE6 3QN
Web: <http://rccgfreedomhouseuk.org>
Contact: Pastor Thomas Irabor
Tel: 020 8695 9838
Email: info@rccgfreedomhouseuk.org

RCCG Winners Sanctuary

Address: Bromley High School, Junior School Hall
Blackbrook Lane, Bromley BR1 2TW
Contact: Tel: 07956 299121

RCCG Faith Chapel

Address: 108, Brookhouse Road
London SE6 3TW
Contact: Pastor Tunde Feyibunmi
Tel: 0208 697 7907

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist Church Lewisham

Address: 428-434 Lewisham High Street
London SE13 6LJ
Contact: Pastor Kwadwo Kwarteng-Ampofo

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Tel: 020 8690 4443

Email: info@lewishamadventist.org.uk

Web: lewishamadventist.org.uk

Other Information: Church history on website

QUAKERS

Blackheath Friends' Meeting House

Address: Lawn Terrace
London SE3

Contact: Mary Bullock
Tel: 0181 852 7187

Special features: There are no special features "There is nothing spectacular to see on a weekday"

Other information: The building is used by a playgroup every morning. It may be possible to arrange visits to the meeting room during afternoons.

Forest Hill Friends Meeting House

Address: 34 Sunderland Road
London SE23
Contact: John Brun and Patricia Van Graan-Brun
Tel: 020 8699 9901
Special features: There are no special features. There is a resident warden at this Meeting House and the rooms are used during the week by Lewisham Council for courses. The rooms are used during the evenings by various community groups.
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

All these Roman Catholic churches would be happy to welcome parties to visit their churches. Although availability of toilets and access for disabled people is not always easy, churches will do their best to make special arrangements.

Church of the Annunciation & St Augustine

Address: Dunfield Road, Beckenham Hill
London SE6
Contact: Rev Samuel Ofia
Tel: 020 7403 8477

Church of Our Lady of the Assumption

Address: Deptford High Street
London SE8
Contact: Rev Boniface Akpoigbe
Tel: 020 8692 2011

Church of The Good Shepherd

Address: Moorside Road
Downham, Bromley, BR1
Contact: Rev John Kavanagh
Tel: 020 8698 1449

Church of The Holy Cross

Address: Sangley Raod
London SE6
Contact: Rev Anthony Megalam Sellam
Tel: 020 8698 3672

Church of Our Lady and St Philip Neri

Address: 208 Sydenham Road
London SE26
Contact: Rev Regis Rubaya
Tel: 020 8778 9460

Church of The Resurrection of Our Lord

Address: Kirkdale
London SE26
Contact: Rev Alfred Osamor
Tel: 020 8291 5766

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Address: Burnt Ash Hill
London SE12
Contact: Rev Chukwuemaka Nnaji
Tel: 020 8857 5006

Church of St Mary Magdalen

Address: Howson Road
London SE4
Contact: Rev Michael Ezenwamadu
Tel: 020 8691 1322

Church of St Saviour and John the Baptist

Address: Lewisham High Street
London SE13
Contact: Rev Chris Connor
Tel: 020 8852 2490

Church of St William of York

Address: Brockley Park
London SE4
Contact: Rev Habte Neghasi
Tel: 020 8690 4549

SALVATION ARMY

Catford Citadel Salvation Army

Address: 25 Brownhill Road
London SE6
Contact: Major Roy Milner
Tel: 020 8698 3197
Special features: The building is used during the week for a wide variety of community activities.
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

Lewisham Citadel Corps and Community Centre

Address: Albion Way
London SE13
Contact: Major John McComb
Tel: 020 8852 6921
Special features: There has been a Salvation Army presence in Lewisham for 110 years and on the current site for 20 years. Now a multipurpose building which has facilities for worship on Sunday and community orientated activities during the week
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Christ Church Bellingham

Address: Bellingham Green
London SE6
Contact:
Special features: Chancel, organ.
Other information: Party size 30 - 35. No disabled access. Toilets.

St Andrews Brockley

Address: Corner of Wickham Road and Brockley Road
London SE4
Contact: Rev Barry Carter
Tel: 020 8691 2021
Special features: Spire. A typical Victorian mock Gothic building. This is an active community centre for a variety of activities.
Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

Trinity United Reformed Church, Catford

Address: Faversham Road
London SE6
Contact: Rev Geoffrey Finch
Tel: 01322 663941
Special features: The John Williams Memorial window.
Other information: Party size 50 – 80. Disabled access. Toilets.

St John's Forest Hill

Address: St John's Pathway
Behind 49 Devonshire Road
London SE23 3EN
Other information: The church has been demolished but the congregation meets in the church hall.

Lewisham United Reformed Church

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Address: 245 High Street
London SE13

St Michael's United Church

Address Desmond Road
London SE14

Special features: A modern early 1970s building. A purpose-built church and community centre. It is a dual-purpose building and is used as a nursery during the week. This is a united Church of England and United Reform Church congregation.

Other information: Party size 35 – 40. Disabled access. Toilets.

Jewish places of worship

Catford and Bromley Synagogue

Address: 6 Crantock Road
London SE6 2QT

Contact: Tel: 020 8698 9496
School visits: Gerald Rose 07423 522081

Special features: Synagogue Hall. Succah (tabernacle) in October only during the festival of Sukkot. Communal rooms and classroom
Virtual Tour of the Synagogue.

Other information: Party size about 40. Disabled access (One step to negotiate). Toilets. The virtual tour video is designed to go with a real time session with a member of the Synagogue who will explain and carry out an interactive session with pupils online. This can be used where a school is unable to travel to the Synagogue in Catford whether pupils are on site in the school or online at home. Sessions online will be taken by a qualified teacher and geared round the school's requirements.

Hindu places of worship

London Sivan Kovil

Address 4a Clarendon Rise,
Lewisham
London SE13 5ES

Contact: Tel: 020 8318 8318

Web: londonsivankovil.org.uk

Special features:

Other information:

Sri Velmuruhan Aalayam

Address: 18A, Holbeach Road,
Catford,
London, SE6 4TW.

Contact: Temple : 0208 690 5293
Admin: 0777 960 4637

Web: www.muruhankovil.com

Other information: Opening Hours: 8:30 am to 1:30pm & 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Muslim places of worship

Lewisham Islamic Centre

Address: 363 – 365 Lewisham High Street
London
SE13 6NZ

Web: <https://lewishamislamiccentre.com>

Contact: Imam Sabir or Imam Ashraf
Tel: 020 8690 5090
Email: info@lewishamislamiccentre.com
Web: lewishamislamiccentre.com

Special features: Adult Education, Supplementary School, Youth Club, Scouts and other Services and Activities.

Other information: Visitors are requested to remove their shoes before entering the Prayer Hall. Female visitors are requested to cover their heads.

SIKH places of worship

Gurdwaras in the neighbouring boroughs are:

Ramgarhia Association

Address: Masons Hill, Woolwich
London SE18

Contact: Office 020 8854 1786

Special features: The building was formerly used as a working men's club. Worship feature: Guru Grunth Sahib. Community activities in other parts of the building.

Other information: Party size: one class. Disabled access. Toilets. Visitors must make sure they cover their heads, remove their shoes and bring no cigarettes or alcohol onto the premises.

Woolwich Sikh Temple

Address: 1 Calderwood Street
London SE18

Contact: Mr C S Samra 020 8854 4233

Special features: Formerly a Wesleyan Church. Two Worship halls and two Langar halls. Worship feature: Guru Granth Sahib. Community activities in other parts of the building.

Other information: Party size: 50. Disabled access. Toilets. Visitors must cover their heads, remove their shoes. Acceptance of Prashad is optional.

Gurdwara Baba Budha Sahib Ji Sikh Temple

Address: 2 Shawbury Road, East Dulwich
London SE22

Special features: The building was formerly used as a Salvation Army hall. Worship feature: Guru Granth Sahib.

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Other information: Party size: one class. Toilets. Visitors must make sure they cover their heads, remove their shoes and bring no cigarettes or alcohol onto the premises.