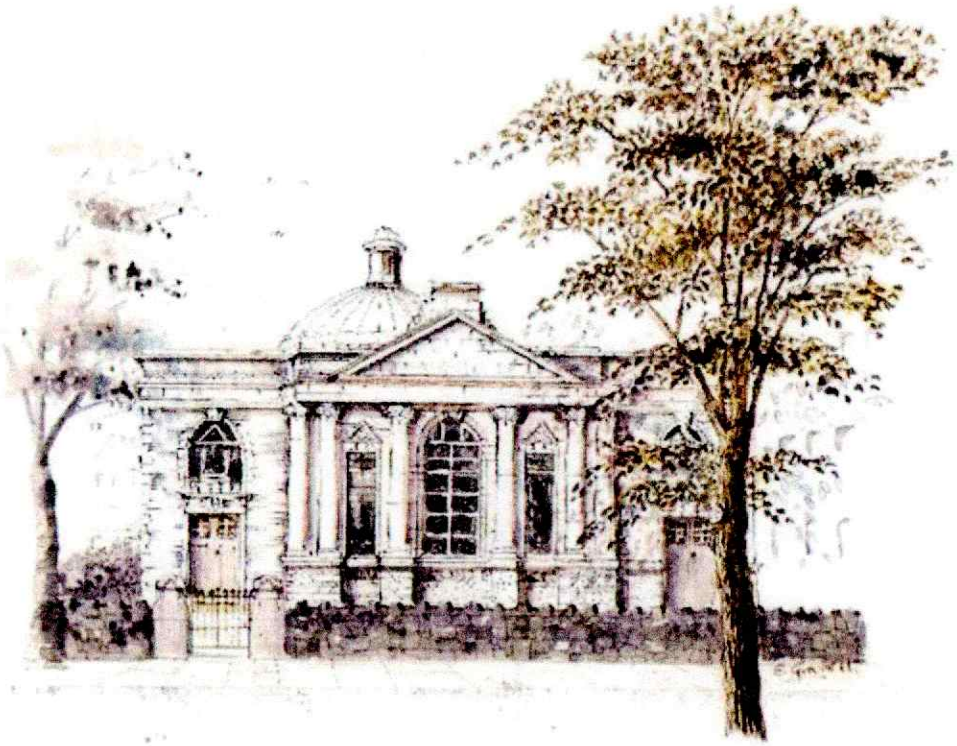
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ASSISTANCE DOGS, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS & PETS POLICY

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Emmanuel Church, Llandudno

Policy on Assistance Dogs, Emotional Support Animals, and Pets

1. Purpose and Scope

Emmanuel Church seeks to provide a safe, welcoming, and worshipful environment for all members and visitors. To maintain focus during services, protect individuals with severe allergies or phobias, and ensure general hygiene, the Church maintains a general exclusion policy for animals on church premises, subject to the specific exceptions outlined below.

2. General Exclusion of Pets

As a general rule, ordinary domestic pets and companion animals are not permitted inside the church buildings or during official church meetings. Assistance dogs are not regarded as pets for the purposes of this policy.

3. Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs that provide assistance related to a disability, such as guide dogs, hearing dogs, medical alert dogs, mobility assistance dogs, or other trained assistance dogs, are welcome at Emmanuel Church.

- Owners are requested to ensure their assistance dog remains under control, harnessed, or leashed at all times.
- The animal must be trained to behave quietly during services and meetings.

4. Emotional Support Animals

The Elders of Emmanuel Church recognise that emotional support animals can provide comfort; however, they do not have the same automatic access rights as assistance dogs.

- **Prior permission required:** Admission of an emotional support animal is at the sole discretion of the Elders and permission must be requested and approved before the animal is brought to a service or meeting.
- **Proof required:** The only valid proof for an emotional support animal is a signed and dated letter from a licensed healthcare provider or GMC-registered doctor.
- **Trial basis:** Any approved admission of an emotional support animal is granted strictly on a trial basis. The Elders reserve the right to revoke permission at any time if the animal causes disruption or the required proof is not provided.

- **Designated seating:** To accommodate other congregants who may have allergies, phobias, or anxiety around animals, individuals attending with an approved emotional support animal may be required to sit in a designated seating area specified by the stewards or Elders.

5. Review and Authority

The Elders reserve the final right to restrict, or ask for the removal of any animal from the premises to ensure the safety, health, and comfort of the congregation. This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Emmanuel Church Council.

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Date....24/9/26.....