

## PRESTBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT

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| Risk No | Hazard                                  | Likelihood | Impact          | Mitigations   |
|---------|---|------------|-----------------|---|
| 1       | Building Structural Failure             | POSSIBLE   | MINOR to SEVERE | Evacuation procedure - as for Fire.   |
| 2       | Fire                                    | POSSIBLE   | MINOR to SEVERE | See separate Fire Risk Assessment.  |
| 3       | Act of God - lightning etc?             | REMOTE     | MINOR to SEVERE | Prayer ?<br>Evacuation procedure - as for Fire.   |
| 4       | Electrical Safety                       | POSSIBLE   | MINOR to SEVERE | Electrical Safety inspection every 5 years.<br>PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) every 2 years.<br>Both done July 2020   |
| 5       | Steps and Stairs - tripping and falling | POSSIBLE   | MINOR to SEVERE | Single-storey building - so no stairs.<br>2 steps between Church and function room.<br>Other single steps at entrances and between levels.<br>Consider whether all stone and wooden steps should be edge-marked in yellow to improve visibility.<br>Consider removing step up from the pavement by sloping the church pathway down to pavement level. |
| 6       | Manual Handling (Lifting)               | POSSIBLE   | MODERATE        | Avoid stooping, twisting, over-stretching<br>Parallel hands and feet<br>Heavy items on lower shelves  |
| 7       | Working at Heights                      | POSSIBLE   | SEVERE          | Avoid if possible.<br>Take great care using stepladders.<br>Anything higher - leave to the professionals.   |

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| 8  | COSHH - Control of Substances<br>Hazardous to Health | POSSIBLE | MINOR to SEVERE | No unsupervised children's activities<br>Keep bleach etc in the kitchen.<br>Consider a lockable cupboard.   |
| 9  | Vermin   | POSSIBLE | MINOR           | Nothing worse than a couple of mice and a couple of birds over<br>the years.<br>Consider installing rodent traps near the dustbins and in the<br>kitchens.        |
| 10 | Asbestos   | LIKELY   | MODERATE        | Asbestos survey found none, but ...<br>... likely some in walls of safe - OK if not interfered with.<br>... some later discovered in fusebox - since replaced (?) |
| 11 | Safeguarding Issues                                  | REMOTE   | MAJOR           | No activities where children or "at risk" adults are alone with<br>Church personnel.<br>See separate Safeguarding Policy.   |
| 12 | Petty crime  | LIKELY   | MODERATE        | Instances of petty thieving during Services and activities.<br>Be especially vigilant when strangers on the premises.   |
| 13 | Vandalism / Terrorism                                | POSSIBLE | MINOR to SEVERE | Ensure doors and windows are fully secured.<br>Consider installing CCTV.<br>Evacuation procedure - as for Fire.   |
| 14 | Covid-19 Infection                                   | POSSIBLE | SEVERE          | Separate Covid-19 Risk Assessment applies when required by<br>government regulations.   |