

Property Name Access Statement

Staunton Harold Church, on the Staunton Harold Estate, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, LE65 1RW

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Introduction

1. Built between 1653 and 1655, Staunton Harold Church is a rare example of a church built between the outbreak of the English Civil War and the Restoration period. It sits within the wider Staunton Harold estate, which is privately owned and includes the Ferrers Centre for Arts and Crafts.
2. Mobile phone reception is acceptable across the property. In an emergency, please contact the Calke Property Office on 01332 695310.
3. Assistance dogs are welcome inside the church. Dogs are welcome on leads in the churchyard, but please note that dog waste bins are not provided and any waste should be taken home.
4. Light levels are low inside and the floor is uneven in place. There are several seats available in the churchyard, as well as the pews inside the church.
5. There are no toilet facilities at the church, though there are some at the Ferrers Centre (non-NT).

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. There are brown signs for the Staunton Harold Estate, featuring an anvil symbol.
2. Parking is in the estate car park (not-NT) and charges apply at weekends and bank holidays. Parking bays are unmarked. There is a gravel surface throughout.
3. The footpath to the church is located at the far end of the car park.
4. It may be possible to drop off visitors closer to the church, by prior arrangement only.
5. The distance from the car park to the church is approx. 420 meters, with a gradual descent to the church. There is level access along the route with a mix of gravel and tarmac footpaths, as well as one footbridge.

Churchyard

1. A small churchyard stretches around the church – there is a mown grass path with level access around the building.
2. There are two wooden benches in the churchyard, with arm rests on both sides.
3. There is one small step into the churchyard, and a ramp is available on one side of the path. There is no handrail.

Church

1. There is a stone flag floor throughout the church which is worn in places. Small floor mats are in use at more uneven places. The floor can become damp through condensation.
2. There is a low step into the church, and a ramp is available on request.
3. There is a double door to the church, measuring 1500cm wide. One door is kept open, at a width of 760cm, and the other door can be opened by a volunteer on request.
4. The hard surfaces of the stone floor and wooden pews can cause sound echoes. The church clock chimes hourly.
5. Only the ground floor of the church is open for public access. There are two steps in the chancel in front of the alter and low steps into the pews.
6. Visitors are welcome to sit in the wooden pews.
7. Fabric kneelers are available for use in some of the pews.
8. There are spotlights in the porch, and natural light in the main church.
9. There are no narrow corridors or doorways – the side aisles are narrower than the main aisle, at 88cm.
10. A volunteer is always present when the Church is open, providing either a guided tour or supporting a self-led visit.
11. There is no virtual tour or Braille guide.
12. A portable induction loop is available, on request in advance of a tour.
13. There are no restrictions on access for powered wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles.

If you require this information in alternative formats, please get in touch using the contact details below.

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