

# Facilities and Location

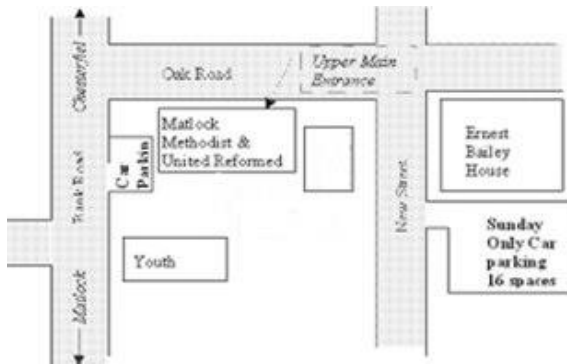
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Oak Road Road,  
Matlock,  
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# Overview



The main entrance to the church is on Oak Road, on the upper side of the church building however the entrance to the car park and lower halls are on Bank Road. The church is often known locally as Bank Road Methodist Church, which can cause a little confusion. Internal stairs and a lift connect the upper and lower floors. Both entrances have free-of-steps access.

The Church Worship Room is on the upper level of the Church building and has a seating capacity of 250. The seating is on individual padded chairs and these can be arranged to suit various styles of use. There are three community halls beneath the church worship room. Hall 1 has capacity for 250 people and halls 2 & 3 individually can accommodate up to 40 people each. Halls 2 & 3 are separated by a glazed, sliding partition which allows them to be combined to accommodate up to 80 people. Seating downstairs is on a combination of padded and non-padded stackable chairs. Folding tables are also available.

**Parking** :The Church has a very limited car parking area which is most often used by young families and those who are less mobile. If you park here, please ensure to leave a suitable passageway for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Mainly, weekday car parking is on streets around the church which are subject to certain daytime restrictions on the duration of stay. Vehicles are parked at the vehicle owner's risk.

# Bookings

Please contact our bookings secretary on Matlock 0162957304 or to send us an e-mail please [click here](#)

**As part of our service to the community parts or all of the building can be hired out for both Christian and appropriate secular activities. The lower level of the building is referred to in this document as the Community Halls .**

The information below is provided for those who might be considering hiring parts of the Church or Community Halls for functions and events.

The Church has been modernized and has a number of community halls and meeting rooms all with full access, central heating and there is a large, fully equipped kitchen. The Church being situated on the hillside of Matlock Bank has ground level access to both the upper and lower levels making wheelchair and mobility impaired access very straightforward. These features allow the church to be a popular and busy venue all week for a wide variety of activities.

The Church can provide basic visual display equipment including screens (Video replay, overhead projector, slide projector, flipchart). We also have black & white photocopying facilities on site.

The Church does not allow alcohol to be brought onto or consumed on the premises and the whole of the premises are a no smoking environment. We would ask that all those using the premises respect these policies.

Community Rooms 

Worship Centre 

The Kitchen 

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Free WiFi  
available throughout

# Community Halls

-communally rooms used for such as exercise classes, children's clubs, meetings and receptions.

Two practically sized community halls are located below The Worship Centre and the Crush Hall, one of which has a glazed sliding partition wall to sub-divide the area into Halls 2 & 3.

## Hall One

Hall 1 has a slightly smaller area than the Worship Space upstairs but with a high ceiling provides a truly multi-functional area used for a wide variety of purposes including on occasion a dormitory for weekend visiting youth groups. The supporting columns have removable padding on them to provide protection for physical games to be played. There are folding chairs and tables available for seating up to 120 people. The capacity of the Hall is up to 180 people seated.

Hall 1 also provides access through to three storage areas and to toilets and a small single shower room. The Hall has a large, doored, serving hatch through to the large kitchen that is described below.

With a suspended high ceiling and fluorescent lighting the hall can be used for a variety of sports and leisure activities and is a true Church Hall through that.



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Halls 2 & 3 has the lift access to the upper level and the stairs enter into Hall 3. A small store area and the main lower level toilets, including a single toilet for the disabled that also has a baby changing facility installed. A doored, serving hatch through to the large kitchen is also within Hall 3. Halls 2 & 3 can accommodate up to 20 people each sat at tables and up to 30 each seated.



## Hall Two & Three



Halls 2 & 3 can be separated by a sliding glass partition door and whilst the partition is not sound proof, it is possible for some activities to continue in both rooms at the same time with minimal disturbance between the rooms. Stackable padded chairs are available as are folding tables and there are also chairs and folding tables available for children.

# The Kitchen

A large refurbished, kitchen that can cater for up to 100 covers. The kitchen was extended through the two rooms with the development project and boasts modern catering facilities including:-



- upright freezer
- large larder fridge
- industrial dish washer
- five sinks
- two microwaves



- a large eight burner commercial cooker
- integrated commercial extractor hood
- preparation island



- two mains served water boilers for hot drinks
- large preparation stainless steel side areas
- cupboards and drawers

The kitchen is fully complimented with crockery, cutlery, beakers, cups and mugs for up to 100 covers.

# The Church Worship Centre

- a venue for worship and performance

When the Church was modernised and extended in a £500,000 project completed in 1997 the Worship Centre was transformed. The centre was 'turned around' and with use of individual, comfortable chairs we can utilise different seating layouts very simply.

In 2002 a new sound system was installed providing us with the flexibility of a 16 channel mixing desk and excellent sound quality. The lighting installation uses highly economical lamps that provide good lighting.

The Worship Centre therefore not only provides the community with a comfortable, modern environment for worship but also the Church is regularly a venue for concerts, performances and meetings that brings people into this House of God to Worship in many different ways.



-16 channel sound system, including tape and CD drives, that can pipe sound around the whole of the building including the Crush Hall, crèche, Halls 1,2 & 3

-Hearing aid loop installed (included in all rooms served with sound)

-Centrally heated, triple glazed, well-lit

-Comfortable, individual chairs for an infinite variety of seating layouts

# The Crush Hall

## - the lobby to the Worship Centre



- Full size electronic pipe organ with two keyboards, pedal board and range of stops
- Electronic piano keyboard with limited selection of voices
- Elevated, carpeted stage area and pulpit
- Electric, remote controlled 2.4m x 2.4m (8ft x 8ft) projection screen

All of the stained glass windows were carefully removed, double glazed, retaining the original stained glass 'captured' between the new panes and reinstated to the building.



The Crush Hall also provides access to the upper level toilets both Ladies and Gents and a single toilet for the disabled. Two other small rooms lead of the crush hall one that is equipped as a Crèche and the second that is a small meeting room and is used as a Vestry for Preachers, Ministers and Stewards.

As part of the extension an informal area was created adjacent to the Worship Centre. The crush hall houses the hydraulic lift and stairs to provide access to the lower level Kitchen & Community Halls. A basic refreshments preparation room services the area through a doored hatch where drinks can be served after services and events.





# Our Surrounding area

This is just a little bit about Matlock, The Peak District and Derbyshire. We are blessed by God through being in a location of true natural beauty and with prosperity that we seek to use wisely. Our town is small but dynamic, please visit our area in person and come to our Church to pray with us and join us in our prayers of thanksgiving.

Our Church is located in the country town of Matlock, Derbyshire on one of the hills to the North of the town centre in an area which is also known as Matlock Bank.

Matlock is the seat of local government for Derbyshire with the County Council Offices comprising the largest local employer who is putting to good use the impressive Victorian buildings that were constructed by John Smedley to cater for those that came here in years gone by to 'take of the Matlock natural spring waters'.

Local attractions of steam railways that run along the Derwent Valley from Matlock to nearby Rowsley, Gullivers' Kingdom children's adventure lands at Matlock Bath, as well as the Heights of Abraham caves and cable cars and the Crich Tramway Village that have drawn millions to visit the area over the decades, have all been overseen by an imposing Riber Castle, that may soon be re-invigorated to once more be residential.

We are surrounded by fascinating and awe-inspiring places including the Derwent Valley Mills world heritage site, the Lumsdale Valley industrial heritage site and fabulous country homes including Chatsworth & Haddon Hall.

There are fascinating websites with lots more information on things to see and do, places to go, local history and all about our wonderful surroundings. Please take time to thank God for rich blessings.