

Greyfriars Church, Reading

Redevelopment Phase 2 - Carpark Management Plan

On completion of the Phase 2 work the Greyfriars Church and Centre carpark will provide a total of 12 parking spaces, two of which will be fully-marked Disabled spaces, and a further one prioritised for car-share use. (In view of the very limited parking live feed travel information will be available in the church Atrium publicising train and bus times.)

Access to the carpark will be via a gate equipped with an Automatic Number Plate Recognition system and with an intercom connection to the Reception desk in the church Atrium and to the main office in the Centre.

Weekdays and Saturdays

The carpark will be kept locked, with use restricted to the organisers of events using the Centre or church facilities, and Greyfriars Church members. Prior booking will be required in all cases and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Bookings will be for specified periods of time, and terms of use will be set out for all those booking spaces.

Car registrations for booked spaces will be loaded to the ANPR system daily, with the intercom being available as back-up in case of any difficulties with the ANPR system.

Communication within the church community and with those hiring facilities will make the restrictions on use of the carpark clear. Information on alternative parking will be made available.

Sundays

Main church services take place at 9.30am, 11.30am, and 6.30pm. The 9.30 service is family-oriented; the 11.30 service is quieter and more reflective; and the 6.30 service has a stronger youth/young adult emphasis.

The carpark will not be used, and will be kept locked, for the 9.30am service.

The carpark will be unlocked and be under manual control by members of the church 'Welcome' team from c.11.00am for the 11.30am service, with access restricted to Blue Badge holders and a very small number of other elderly people with limited mobility. The latter will be required to have registered with the church office and numbers will be strictly limited to avoid excess demand.

The carpark will be kept locked through Sunday afternoon and will then be unlocked and staffed from c.6.00pm to allow access for any Blue Badge holders (and others with limited mobility who have previously registered) attending the 6.30pm service.

There will be extensive communication with the church community and via the church website to make clear the limitations on use of the carpark on Sundays. Information on alternative parking will be made available.