**Health and Safety checklist**

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| Questions to ask | | Yes | Further action needed | N/A |
| Car park | Is the car park surface maintained to minimise slip and trip risks? |  |  |  |
| Are vehicle and pedestrian routes/flows and car park and site entrance/exits clearly marked? |  |  |  |
| Is the car park well lit? |  |  |  |
| Can emergency vehicles gain access? |  |  |  |
| Movement around the building | Are paths, steps and any ramps to and from the church properly maintained to minimise slip and trip risks? |  |  |  |
| Is lighting suitable and sufficient to allow safe access and exit (including lighting of emergency exits)? |  |  |  |
| Have you provided matting to minimise rainwater etc being carried into the building? |  |  |  |
| Do rooms and corridors have sufficient lighting? |  |  |  |
| Are corridors clear of clutter? |  |  |  |
| Are there any trailing electrical leads/cables? |  |  |  |
| Are permanent fixtures in good condition, e.g. seats, shelving, cupboards, notice boards, signage etc? |  |  |  |
| Is internal flooring in good condition, e.g. are carpets fixed? |  |  |  |
| Where any doors contain glass, is this made from a safety material? |  |  |  |
| Are all stairs fitted with handrails? |  |  |  |
| Electrical equipment and services | Have all fixed electrical installations been correctly installed (modified or repaired) and inspected and tested by an electrician or other suitably qualified person before being put into use? |  |  |  |
| Are fixed electrical installations inspected and tested at suitable (occasional) intervals by an electrician or other suitably qualified person? |  |  |  |
| Have any portable electrical appliances been visually checked and, where necessary, tested at suitable (occasional) intervals to ensure that it is safe to use? |  |  |  |
| Has any damaged electrical equipment been taken out of service or replaced? |  |  |  |
| Gas equipment and services | If fixed gas appliances are available for use (e.g. a boiler, cooker, water heater), are arrangements in place for periodic examinations and any remedial action by a Gas Safe registered engineer? |  |  |  |
| If mobile gas appliances are available for use (e.g. heaters fuelled by bottled gas), are arrangements for periodic examinations and any remedial action by a competent person in place? |  |  |  |

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| LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) | Is the area around any external storage vessel kept clear? |  |  |  |
| If the vessel is near a road, is it protected from passing traffic? |  |  |  |
| Have pipes carrying the LPG to the church been checked to ensure that they are in good condition? |  |  |  |
| Asbestos | If there is asbestos, and it is in good condition, has a record been made of where it is? Are there arrangements to provide this information to anyone who carries out maintenance work on the building? |  |  |  |
| Is there a system in place (e.g. fixed warning signs) to ensure the asbestos is not disturbed, and are regular checks made to ensure it remains undisturbed and in good condition? |  |  |  |
| If damaged asbestos has been identified, have arrangements been made to ensure it is either repaired, encapsulated or removed in accordance with regulations? |  |  |  |
| Have records of any asbestos been kept so that asbestos material likely to release high fibre levels can be removed first by licensed contractors if the church is refurbished/demolished? |  |  |  |
| Fire | Has a fire risk assessment been completed and are adequate fire safety measures in place? |  |  |  |
| Has an evacuation plan been implemented and tested? |  |  |  |
| Is the fire alarm tested regularly? |  |  |  |
| Are fire drills carried out at least once a year? |  |  |  |
| Are regular checks made to ensure escape routes and fire exit doors are unobstructed and adequate and effective for the number of people using the church (including those who are disabled or vulnerable)? |  |  |  |
| Are combustible substances or waste stored safely? |  |  |  |
| Is fire-fighting equipment in place and tested regularly in line with the manufacturer’s guidance? Are staff (and others) trained in how to use it? |  |  |  |
| Legionnaire’s’ disease | Do you or users do anything that involves spraying/sprayed water (e.g. using showers in changing rooms, or a humidifier) that could contain legionella bacteria? (These bacteria can cause legionnaire’s’ disease.) |  |  |  |
| If you cannot avoid spraying water, do you have an up-to-date plan for dealing with this risk? |  |  |  |
| Is it clear who is responsible for doing things in the plan and do they keep a record of any checks (e.g. temperature checks)? |  |  |  |
| Responsibility | Do users have all the information about the church they need to operate safely? |  |  |  |

*This is not an exhaustive list and you should actively consider any other hazards associated with the operation and maintenance of the church.*