

## **POLICY ON USING THE CHURCH AND GROUNDS FOR FILMING**

As a general rule, we are quite happy to allow our church and grounds to be used in filming, photography, recording etc.

We do, however, want to make sure that it's a pleasant experience for everyone involved. So here is some information you will find helpful.

1. We are concerned that the reputation of St John's church, the Church in general, and the Lord Jesus in particular, is not treated with disrespect in any way. So we will ask you to give us an assurance on this matter. We may ask you to provide us with story details or a script. And we reserve the right to decline permission if we feel uncomfortable with the content to be filmed or photographed.
2. This activity is not covered by our insurance policy, and so you will need to provide us with details of your Public Liability Insurance policy. We can't formally agree to go ahead until we see that in writing.
3. If it's a commercial production, we charge \$1,000 a day or part of a day to use our property. If it's a not for profit venture, we generally won't charge anything. And we reserve the right to vary those charges if we feel that your particular request is a special case.

4. Whether its commercial or not for profit, we request a bond of \$500 which will be refunded if there is no damage to property or other costs involved. We can't formally guarantee that you can use the site until we have received that.
5. Our church and hall is used by many people and groups, every day and night. So we need to be clear about exactly when you plan to use our site. We need to receive in writing clear instructions about when you will arrive, when you will leave, and who will be coming. We would really appreciate it if you could be transparent and clear about this.
6. Depending on the scale of your production we may need to discuss the use of the car park as a separate issue. We also have other users of our site, who regularly use the car park, and we are keen to treat them with courtesy and respect as well.
7. Sorry, St John's is not available for use on a Sunday at all.

If you have any questions about this please contact our administrator at this address:  
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