

Automatic Doors Project **to Improve Accessibility at Kirkham Methodist Church**

Kirkham Methodist (KMC) is constantly looking at how it can improve access to its premises for everyone. Recently we have installed additional ramp handrails and reduced the size of some pews to allow wheelchair and scooter access.

Now we have a new project ongoing which is to replace and upgrade some exterior and interior doors that will enhance accessibility, safety, and functionality for all congregants and visitors, including those with mobility challenges.

Background and Need

KMC is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone. Currently, some of the existing doors present challenges, such as:

- Difficult manual doors that are difficult for elderly or disabled individuals to open.
- Lack of automatic door openers at key entry points
- Increased use of the building by people with walking frames wheelchairs and prams/pushchairs influenced by social outreach work and our busy church and activities.

Improving our entry points aligns with our mission of hospitality and ensures that all individuals can enter and participate in church life with dignity and ease.

Proposed Improvements

Main Entrance to Chapel

- Install single Automatic Electric Aluminium swing door with Frosted Glass glazing at top. Push Button operation inside. Sensor outside. Battery Backup. Opening outwards. Multi operation mode selector.

Side Entrance – Crush Hall (This is the main hub entrance for all outside groups).

External Door

- Upgrade Existing external door to automatic standard with manual opening side fixed panel. Clear Glass glazing at top.
- Sensor operation inside and outside.
- Battery Backup. Opening outwards. Multi operation mode selector.

Internal Crush Hall weather screening panels & door.

- Install single/double Automatic Electric Aluminium sliding door/s (fully glazed - with side fixed glass panels on either side. Frosted Glass.
- Install sliding door safety screens.
Push Button operation inside with sensor outside. Battery Backup.
Multi operation mode selector.

Kirkham Methodist is pleased to advise that the project is now fully funded and wish to acknowledge The Benefact Trust as an external funder to the project.



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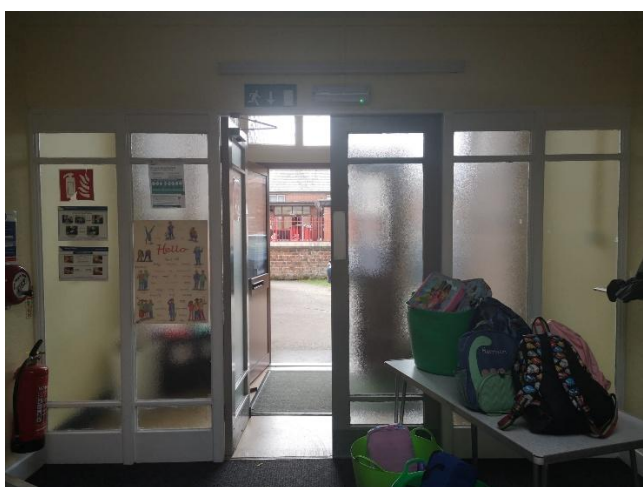
It is hoped that installation will be July-August This year.



Main Entrance to Chapel to be become a new automatic single swing door.



Crush Hall – Outer door...
Use existing door and upgrade to Automatic outward swing door.



Crush Hall Inner Entrance and Side Glass Panels
To become new automatic double sliding doors with pocket protection – Including replacement of existing glass side panels.