



Connecting with God for the journey of Life

Livestreaming Policy – August 2020

Due to the impact of the pandemic on national and church life we in Haven Green have realised that the ways and means of being an authentic community connecting with God for the journey of life are changing quite significantly. We will meet together in our buildings and we will meet together in our homes and we will meet together over the Internet and all have huge advantages and opportunities. Livestreaming is a way of increasing our reach to those who are unable to meet in Haven Green for a whole variety of reasons as well as providing a means of recording our services and messages in video to be watched later.

With this technology comes challenges. We want all who attend worship services and other meetings at Haven Green to do so feeling comfortable knowing that their right to privacy is guarded and fully respected. We have instituted the following Livestreaming Policy:

- Notices will be displayed prominently in the Clifford Room to inform attenders that the services are livestreamed to the Internet and non-filming areas are available for those who prefer. A note will be added to the Notice News Sheet informing readers of livestreaming.
- Welcomers are made aware of where to direct anyone wishing to be kept off camera.
- An announcement is made before the service begins to inform the congregation that the service will be livestreamed.
- In public services we do not intend to film congregational members, but only those who are taking part in the service at the front of the sanctuary. Non-filming areas downstairs, are identified by labels on each of the rows; additionally, none of the balcony areas will be shown in the filming. Welcomers will direct visitors not wanting to be identified during the filming to appropriate seating.
- Livestreaming will be paused if there is a need to share sensitive information.
- Livestreaming may also be paused during special events such as child dedications and baptisms as requested by those taking part.
- There will be no filming of members of the congregation during communion.
- Complete services will be available online for 1 month only.
- After 1 month the service will be edited and only the message will be available.

This policy will be reviewed by the elders in Sep 2021