



Livestreaming Policy & Procedure

Introduction

The Leadership of Father's House recognise that there are significant advantages to making church services accessible to a broader community. Both for Father's House members able to attend in person and for those who may be interested and enquiring.

Livestreaming makes use of resources such as YouTube or Facebook live. These online platforms enable a user to view the Church meeting live, as it is happening from wherever they happen to be. At Father's House the recording made through the livestream is then available as a recording via the Facebook or YouTube pages.

Data Protection considerations when livestreaming

Livestreaming involves the transfer of 'sensitive personal data', i.e. identifiable images of people attending a religious service. Therefore, there is a need to ensure that people are informed and that it is easy for them to identify the areas to avoid if they do not want to be on camera.

Safeguarding considerations when livestreaming

Father's House aim is to ensure children and young people are safeguarded while a meeting is being livestreamed. We do not want any child to be identified as being present without the permission of their parents (or guardians), or if there are legal reasons why their attendance cannot be identified.

Areas covered by the cameras

Whilst the cameras are fixed on the ceiling of the main hall, they can be operated to allow coverage of the whole hall. The operator can also zoom in on an area or person. Filming is confined to designated areas. A zone map will clearly mark areas where filming will/will not take place. This will then be displayed at the entrance to the hall so that people have an opportunity to make the choice of whether they want to be on camera.

Camera operators will be given training so that they understand the importance of only filming in the designated zones.

Communication

Livestreaming of Sunday morning meetings (and other events) will be communicated in a variety of ways, either in advance or at the time of the meeting. Some or all will be used.

- Facebook page/private members group
- Father's House website
- Father's House weekly news email
- Notices at the entrance to the hall & inside the hall
- Verbal announcement at the beginning of the meeting
- Welcome team informing visitors

Worship team & speakers

All those who serve in any role which takes place in the filming zone need to give their consent to be on camera. The leadership team will consider how they ensure any who do not wish to be livestreamed are accommodated wherever possible, so they still have the opportunity to serve.

Communion

As there is often quite a lot of moving around whilst communion is taking place special care will be taken when this is happening. Either the camera operator will ensure the cameras are focused where no one will walk into shot inadvertently or a 'holding' image will be used during the time communion is taking place.

Prayer for individuals from the front

- Care will be taken when a leader or member of the Church prays for an individual on the microphone during the meeting, for example, members who are sick. Consent will be gained from that individual as personal details will be made public during the prayer.
- Discretion will also be exercised if praying for those undertaking mission work in a county where public disclosure could increase the risk to them or the communities they serve.

Invitation for those present to receive prayer ministry

If an invitation is given for people to come to the front to be prayed for the cameras will either focus on an empty area or a 'holding' image will be used.

If an invitation for those present to pray for one another, extra care will also be taken as, as with taking communion, there may be a lot of moving around and the possibility of people inadvertently walking into shot.

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