

Seaton Baptist Church



Mission Statement & Policy for people with a disability

We believe that God created people in His image; each loved and accepted by God, that all humankind is equal in the sight of God and each other, and individuals are unique and have gifts to contribute to society.

We undertake to work to reduce the inequalities between people with a disability and people without a disability.

We will not discriminate against people simply because they have a disability. However, in some situations different treatment may be justified, for example if Health and Safety considerations are likely to be compromised. We understand that people with a disability should only be treated differently if it is reasonable to do so.

We will advocate for the removal of 'barriers' that prevent people with a disability from experiencing the love of God, growing spiritually and participating in service and ministry to which God may be calling them.

We undertake to ensure that the premises which the church use meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 which includes provision for people with physical disabilities, sensory impairments, learning difficulties and mental illness and that our church will be accessible, welcoming and inclusive.

We seek to promote the education of all groups to understand the special needs of people with a disability and their carers through consultation with them and the statutory and voluntary agencies relating to disabilities.

We will be supportive to the needs of people with disabilities and their carers and have appointed the person below as our advocate for this area.