CENTRE MINISTRIES

# Admissions Policy

## A. Public Statement of Policy Aims

**Welcome**
Centre Ministries is delighted to extend a warm welcome to our guest base drawn from churches and a range of Christian bodies and those to whom they minister. We enthusiastically welcome schools, who wish to experience and learn from our Christian ethos, environment and values.
Our Centres are well placed for our guests to experience the generous love of God in creation. We believe that mankind was created in the image of God, and that all people have equal dignity and worth. We especially hope and pray that our guests will be blessed by the revelation of God in His Holy Word, the Bible, and His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Aims**
The aim of this policy is to ensure that, in extending our welcome, the resources of the Charity are used in a way which will advance our objects – namely, the conduct of conference centres for the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with the Bible, which shall be taken as inspired and authoritative.

**Policy**
In pursuit of our aims we require that all teaching undertaken at our Centres accords with traditional mainstream Christian beliefs summarised in the Evangelical Alliance Basis of Faith (below) and that all groups refrain from promoting theological and ethical views or engaging in behaviour that would conflict with these beliefs.

**Statement of Faith**
**We believe in...**

1. **The one true God who lives eternally in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit[a].**
2. **The love[a], grace[b] and sovereignty[c] of God in creating[d], sustaining[e], ruling[f], redeeming[g] and judging the world[h].**
3. **The divine inspiration and supreme authority of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which are the written Word of God—fully trustworthy for faith and conduct[a].**
4. **The dignity of all people, made male and female in God's image[a] to love[b], be holy[c] and care for creation[d], yet corrupted by sin[e], which incurs divine wrath and judgement[f].**
5. **The incarnation of God's eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ—born of the virgin Mary[a]; truly divine[b] and truly human[c], yet without sin[d].**
6. **The atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross: dying in our place, paying the price of sin and defeating evil, so reconciling us with God[a].**
7. **The bodily resurrection of Christ[a], the first fruits of our resurrection[b]; His ascension to the Father[c], and His reign[d] and mediation as the only Saviour of the world[e].**
8. **The justification of sinners solely by the grace of God through faith in Christ[a].**

9. T**he ministry of God the Holy Spirit, who leads us to repentance**[a], **unites us with Christ through new birth**[b], **empowers our discipleship and enables our witness**[c].

10. **The Church, the body of Christ**[a] **both local**[b] **and universal**[c], **the priesthood of all believers**[d]—**given life by the Spirit and endowed with the Spirit's gifts**[e] **to worship God**[f] **and proclaim the gospel**[g], **promoting justice and love**[h].

11. **The personal and visible return of Jesus Christ to fulfil the purposes of God**[a], **who will raise all people to judgement, bring eternal life to the redeemed and eternal condemnation to the lost**[b], **and establish a new heaven and new earth**[c].

**Centre Ministries is a member of the UK Evangelical Alliance and affirms the 2025 Evangelical Alliance's affirmations on relationships and sexuality. See Appendix (i) for the EA's affirmations:**

Thank you for considering these matters before booking. Should you require further clarification on any matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We trust that, whether your group can align with this policy or not, you will understand that we have established these guidelines to preserve the Christian integrity of our Centres. We would like to stress that wherever we can, we want to welcome your group and seek to serve your needs.

We draw your attention to the Code of Conduct which accompanies our Booking Form. In completing the Booking Form, we will assume that you are signalling agreement with this policy and will operate within the Terms and Conditions during your stay with us.

**Scripture References**

1. [a]*(Gen. 1:26; Matt. 3:15-17; 1John 5:7)*.
2. [a]*(1John 4:8, 10)* [b]*(Eph. 3:7)* [c]*(Ps. 47:7-8; 135:6-7; Eph. 3:20-21)* [d]*(Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Ps. 33:6)* [e]*(Matt. 6:25-34; Heb. 13:5-6)* [f]*(Job 12:23-25; Dan. 2:20-21)* [g]*(John 3:16)* [h]*(Jer. 17:9-10; Gal. 6:7; Rev. 20:11-15)*
3. [a]*(2Tim. 3:16-17; 1Peter 1:24-25; 2Peter 1:20-21)*.
4. [a]*(Gen. 1:27; Is. 64:8)* [b]*(Matt. 22:37-38; John 13:34-35)* [c]*(1Peter 1:15-16)* [d]*(Gen. 1:28)* [e]*(Rom. 3:23; 5:6-8, 12; 6:23)* [f]*(Rom. 6:23a; Heb. 9:27)*
5. [a]*(Is. 7:14; Luke 1:34-35)* [b]*(John 1:1-3; Co1:15-19; Heb. 1:1-10)* [c]*(John 1:14; Heb. 2:17-18)* [d]*(2Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:14-15; 7:26)*
6. [a]*(Rom. 3:22-26; 5:9-11, 13-21; Col. 1:12-14; Heb. 9:11-15, 22, 28; 10:12-14)*
7. [a]*(1Cor. 15:1-5)* [b](1Cor. 15:20-23) [c]*(Acts 1:4-10)* [d]*(Phil. 2:5-11)* [e]*(John 8:24, 14:6; Acts 4:12)*
8. [a]*(Eph. 2:4-9; Titus 3:5-7)*
9. [a]*(John 16:7-11)* [b]*(Rom. 8:1-17)* [c]*(John 14:16, 26; 15:26-27; 16:13-15; 1Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20, 12:7, 11)*
10. [a]*(1Cor. 12:14-27)* [b]*(1Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:2; 1Thes. 1:1)* [c]*(Eph. 1:22-23)* [d]*(1Peter 2:9)* [e]*(Rom. 12:5-8; 1Cor. 12:8-10, 28-30; Eph. 4:11-12)* [f]*(John 4:24)* [g]*(Acts 1:8; 2Cor. 5:18-20)* [h]*(Gal. 5:22-25)*
11. [a]*(John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11)* [b]*(John 5:22-29; 2Thes. 1:7-10; 2Tim. 4:1)* [c]*(Rev. 21:1-5)*

## Appendix (i) The 10 affirmations

1. We affirm the goodness of creation, and the dignity of all people as those made in God's image. We recognise that all of us are sinners, and that the only true hope for sinful people – whatever our sexuality – is in Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that His love, truth and grace would always characterise evangelical responses to debates on sexuality.
2. We affirm God's love and concern for all human beings, whatever their sexuality, and so reject and condemn all attitudes and actions which victimise or vilify those whose affections are directed towards people of the same sex. We are encouraged that many Christians now recognise and deeply regret the hurt caused by past and present failures in their responses to those who experience same-sex attraction.
3. We affirm that marriage is an institution created by God in which one man and one woman enter into an exclusive relationship for life, and is the only form of partnership approved by God for sexual relations. Holding these theological and ethical views on biblical grounds is in itself neither harmful nor homophobic. Rather, they are views to be held and expressed with Christ-like love and grace, since they reflect the teaching of Jesus Himself.
4. We encourage evangelical congregations to be communities of grace in which those who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live faithfully in accordance with biblical teaching are welcomed and affirmed. Such Christians need churches which are healthy communities where they are able to share and explore their stories with fellow believers for mutual encouragement and support as we help each other grow together into maturity in Christ.
5. We believe that the acceptance by certain churches of same-sex marriage and other forms of sexual relationships outside monogamous heterosexual marriage, and permitting the ordination to ministry of those in such relationships, is incompatible with biblical teaching. We stand prayerfully with those in such churches who are seeking to resist these moves on biblical grounds.
6. We believe church services that institute or bless same-sex marriages, same-sex civil partnerships and any other forms of sexual relationship outside monogamous heterosexual marriage are unbiblical. We believe that no church leader or congregation should be compelled to perform or participate in such services.
7. We commend and encourage all those who experience same-sex attraction and have committed themselves to chastity by refraining from same-sex sexual practice. We believe they should be eligible for ordination and leadership within the church, recognising that they can bring invaluable insights and experience to the sphere of Christian pastoral ministry.
8. We affirm the work of those helping Christians who experience same-sex attraction and who want to live in accordance with biblical teaching. Such pastoral support may involve prayer and counselling and must be done in a responsible, consensual, and non-coercive way. We acknowledge that some people have experienced changes in their sexual attractions, with or without such support, though this outcome is not necessary for Christian faithfulness and should not be promised.
9. We believe that sexual relations outside marriage without repentance, and public promotion of such activity, are inconsistent with faithful church membership. While processes of membership and discipline differ from one church context to another, we affirm that churches should be free to follow these processes in relation to those who engage in, or promote, sexual relationships outside heterosexual marriage.
10. We encourage evangelical congregations to love and welcome all people, whatever their pattern of sexual behaviour. We are called to be communities of gentleness, patience and ongoing pastoral care in which all of us who are living outside God's purposes, will come in due course to see the need to be transformed and live in accordance with biblical revelation and orthodox church teaching.

These affirmations summarise the position of the Evangelical Alliance in relation to same-sex attraction and should be read alongside Relationships Matter: Affirmations Guide. This guide as well as other resources on relationships, identity and sexuality are available at eauk.org/sexuality.