

# UK Churches



Reproducing song words; downloading lyrics/sheet music; photocopying; playing, performing or recording music and showing films

**Simple, legal and affordable solutions to your copyright needs**

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CCLI appreciate that copyright can be confusing. We're here to offer guidance and support through the maze of copyright licensing.

### Why is Copyright Important?

Copyright is the intellectual property right of creators of original musical, literary and dramatic works. When their work is used by others, copyright owners are entitled to be paid.

The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 provides copyright owners with economic and moral rights in their work. This means they can charge anyone who wishes to copy, perform or record their work for any commercial or non-commercial use and protect it from any offensive or unapproved changes.

### Copyright in Your Church

If you make your own song sheets/service sheets, or project words using an OHP or computer projection system, then by law you should have direct permission from the owner, or the cover of a licence.

If your congregation only uses hymnbooks during worship, then the fee for copyright permission was included in the purchase price of each book. However, this doesn't include the right to reproduce or photocopy from it.

### Multimedia Technology

Many churches now show films, host concerts, play recorded music and make audio/video recordings of services and events. CCLI can provide a solution to the various copyright infringements that could be made, and we now act on behalf of *Christian Video Licensing International (CVLI)*, *The Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA)*, *Mechanical Copyright Protection Society (MCPS)*, *The Performing Rights Society (PRS for Music)* and *Phonographic Performance Ltd (PPL)* making their licences available to the church community.

### Are there Exceptions?

Copyright doesn't last indefinitely and works eventually enter the Public Domain. For more information visit [www.ccli.co.uk/public-domain](http://www.ccli.co.uk/public-domain)

There are various exemptions under Fair Dealing for education and research. Generally these do not apply in church situations. For more information visit [www.ccli.co.uk/fair-dealing](http://www.ccli.co.uk/fair-dealing)

### Where Do I Start?

An easy way of assessing the licences you require is to complete our quick Church HealthCheck at [ccli.co.uk/healthcheck](http://ccli.co.uk/healthcheck).

We can then advise you on what you may need, and what you don't.

For the latest information on copyright and the possibilities our licences create visit: [ccli.co.uk/churches](http://ccli.co.uk/churches)

