Inviting a BSL Preacher – Quick Checklist

Before the Service/Event	
■ Clarify preacher's role (preach only, full service, Communion, children, refreshments)	
■ Nominate a single contact person	
■ Keep communication simple (BSL may be first language)	
■ Provide your own interpreters for congregation	
■ Send scripts, readings, songs, and media at least 5 days in advance	
■ Ask preacher what they need (don't assume)	
■ Share a photo with welcome team	
■ Arrange Deaf awareness training if possible	
During the Service/Event	
■ Welcome preacher & interpreter, confirm order of service	
■ Show emergency exits, toilets	
■ Ensure good lighting and sound check for interpreter	
■ Provide lecterns for both preacher and interpreter	
■ Provide monitor/laptop with song words if possible	
■ Remember: preacher's interpreter is for them, not the congregation	
■ Gain consent before recording/livestreaming	
After the Service/Event	
■ Provide a preaching gift/honorarium	
■ Remember preacher may be paying interpreter (£45/hour)	