

St Mary's Church Privacy Notice

The European's Unions GDPR replaced the Data Protection Act 1998 and became law in the UK on 25th May 2018. Even though the United Kingdom left the UE in 2020, the UK government has made it clear that UK law on data protection will continue to mirror EU requirements.

The GDPR updates data protection for the digital age. There are now new rights for data subjects – you and I – and new obligations for organisations acting as processors or controllers.

The law requires all bodies holding personal information data to keep track of personal data and to have proven audit trails of the processing of such information. The paramount requirements is to safeguard personal data so that only those authorised may access it.

There is no requirement for the Benefice to be registered with the Information Commissioner's Officer as a processor but we do have to comply with the GDPR as law. This Privacy Notice aims to set out how the Benefice processes your data and your rights in relation to it.

All personal data is controlled by the Parish Administrator and is only used for the operation of the Church's affairs. It is only made available to others with the consent of the member for specific purposes. Personal information is held by the Parish Administrator on a computer with encrypted software, which is held securely and not accessible to anyone else.

All data held has been provided by the person concerned or is a matter of public record. Some information about the person concerned may be given to leaders of activities but only with their consent.

There are no circumstances in which information about a person concerned would be revealed to any third party unless the person concerned had specifically authorised the Parish Administrator to do so. In addition, any person concerned may request a copy of their personal information at any time and the Church will make no charge for providing this. If you have any questions on the Benefice's use of your data, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We would be grateful for your completion and return of the Consent Form attached to this notice.