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## DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

### The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mark's, New Milverton

#### 1. Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data. Identification can be by the information alone or in conjunction with any other information in the data controller's possession or likely to come into such possession. The processing of personal data is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (the "GDPR").

#### 2. Who are we?

The PCC of St Mark's, New Milverton, and the Vicar, are the data controllers (contact details below). This means they decide how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

#### 3. How do we process your personal data?

The PCC and Vicar of St Mark's, New Milverton comply with their obligations under the "GDPR" by keeping personal data up to date; by storing and destroying it securely; by not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data; by protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure and by ensuring that appropriate technical measures are in place to protect personal data.

We use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To administer the electoral roll, and Yellow Pages contact booklet;
- To manage our employees and volunteers;
- To maintain our own accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications and DBS checks);
- To manage hall and church bookings
- To inform you of news, events, activities and services running at St Mark's;
- To enable pastoral visits by the Vicar or member of the Pastoral Team
- To enable sending of emails, email addresses are shared with our email provider and subsequently the email providers of those with responsibility for organising different church activities. Further information can be found in the Information Security Policy.
- To reply to requests submitted through the website

#### 4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- We have your explicit consent so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services and process your gift aid donations and keep you informed about diocesan events.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement;
- Processing is carried out by a not-for-profit body with a political, philosophical, religious or trade union aim provided: -
  - the processing relates only to members or former members (or those who have regular contact with it in connection with those purposes); and
  - there is no disclosure to a third party without consent.

#### 5. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members

of the church in order to carry out a service to other church members or for purposes connected with the church. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the parish with your consent unless required to do so by law or for Safeguarding purposes.

## **6. How long do we keep your personal data<sup>1</sup>?**

We keep data in accordance with our Data Retention policy, which is based on the guidance set out in the guide “Keep or Bin: Care of Your Parish Records” which is available from the Church of England website [see footnote for link].

In brief, we retain electoral roll data while it is still current; gift aid declarations and associated paperwork for up to 6 years after the calendar year to which they relate; and parish registers (baptisms, marriages, funerals) permanently.

## **7. Your rights and your personal data**

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

- The right to request a copy of your personal data which the PCC of St Mark’s, New Milverton holds about you;
- The right to request that the PCC of St Mark’s, New Milverton corrects any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for the PCC of St Mark’s, New Milverton to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time
- The right to request that the data controller provide the data subject with his/her personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller, (known as the right to data portability),
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

## **8. Further processing**

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Data Protection Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions. Where and whenever necessary, we will seek your prior consent to the new processing.

## **9. Contact Details and Complaints**

To exercise all relevant rights, queries of complaints please in the first instance contact the Office Manager at [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or 01926 421004.

You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

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<sup>1</sup> Details about retention periods can currently be found in the Record Management Guides located on the Church of England website at: - <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/structure/churchcommissioners/administration/librariesandarchives/recordsmanagementguides.aspx>