

PCC - ST BARNABAS CHURCH EMMER GREEN

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

“GDPR”

The General Data Protection Regulations are quite complex but their central requirements are not new, we have had data protection regulations for 20 years. The GDPR provide some additional duties, protections and rights. They are aimed at keeping our personal information safe and secure and allowing its use only where we agree or where there is a legal or contractual requirement.

We, the PCC, set out in the Data Privacy Notice how the “GDPR” will operate at St Barnabas Emmer Green.

For the purposes of the “GDPR” the incumbent at St Barnabas is a separate legal entity and will publish separate guidance on how he will cover the requirements of the “GDPR”.

In moving forward, we do not wish the challenge of meeting the requirements of the “GDPR” to stop or hinder the life of the church. Our approach needs to be pragmatic and evolutionary taking account of the need to:

- identify all paper and computer based lists of individuals’ personal data held by members of the church for any church related activities eg prayer rotas, contact lists for Men’s Breakfast etc
- obtain consent, where appropriate, to be on a list
- keep lists up-to-date
- keep some data indefinitely eg for safeguarding purposes
- understand the importance of keeping data safe and secure
- develop a culture that values and respects personal data and individuals’ wishes

We already have in place some good practice, for example, we have consent forms for all those who are on the Church Directory and people are asked if they want to remain on some email contact lists. These will need to be reviewed and improved as the new approach is developed.