

# DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

## The Benefice of Shelswell

### 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 Benefice is the data controller (contact details below). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

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

The Benefice complies with its 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 may use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- To enable us to provide pastoral care to parishioners of the parishes comprising the Benefice of Shelswell
- To enable us to provide a voluntary service for the benefit of the public in a particular geographical area;
- To administer membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of the church;
- To manage our employees and volunteers;
- To maintain our own accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications);
- To inform you of news, events, activities and services running in the Shelswell Benefice;
- For Benefice and subordinate parish employees and church officers, to share your contact details with the Diocesan office so they can keep you informed about news in the diocese and events, activities and services that will be occurring in the diocese and which are relevant to the role you are undertaking.
- To operate the Shelswell Parishes web site and deliver the services that individuals have requested.
- To contact you to seek your opinion of current services / activities or of potential new services / activities that may be offered.

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

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services and process your gift aid donations and, where appropriate, 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. It 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. This may include the Benefice Office, with members of the Ministry Team, or with those organising specific activities or services. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the Benefice with your consent.

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

We keep data in accordance with 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].

Specifically, 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; parish registers (baptisms, marriages, funerals) permanently; minutes of the Benefice Council and its Parish Church Councils permanently. We also keep a transcript of some past parish registers which are now stored at the County Records Office.

## **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 Benefice and its Parish Church Councils hold about you;
- The right to request that the Benefice and its Parish Church Councils 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 Benefice and its Parish Church Councils to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time
- 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**

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints in the first instance please contact the Benefice Secretary at The Rectory, Water Stratford Road, Finmere, Buckinghamshire, MK18 4AT.

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/more/libraries-and-archives/records-management-guides>