

## **DOWNS BENEFICE PRIVACY NOTICE**

The Downs Benefice comprises the Parishes of:

St Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton  
St Mary's, Crawley  
St Catherine of Alexandria, Littleton  
St Stephen's, Sparsholt with Lainston  
St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell

Each of the Parishes has its own Data Privacy Policy and Data Controller.

The Policies include:

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

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

The PCC of each Parish 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 use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To enable us to provide a voluntary service for the benefit of the public in a particular geographical area as specified in our constitution;
- To administer membership records;
- To fundraise and promote the interests of the church;
- To manage our employees and volunteers;

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- To maintain our own accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid applications);
- To inform you of news, events, activities and services running at the Parish Church and elsewhere in the Benefice.

### **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 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 religious 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.

### **6. How long do we keep your personal data?**

We keep data in accordance with the guidance set out in the Church of England's Records Retention Schedule and accompanying guide:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/libraries-and-archives/records-and-information-management>

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; and parish registers (baptisms, marriages, funerals) permanently.

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### **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 each Parish holds about you;
- The right to request that the PCC of each Parish 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 each Parish 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), (where applicable) [Only applies where the processing is based on consent or is necessary for the performance of a contract with the data subject and in either case the data controller processes the data by automated means];
- 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 object to the processing of personal data, (where applicable) [Only applies where processing is based on legitimate interests (or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority); direct marketing and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics]
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office.

### **8. Further processing**

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Privacy 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.

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### **9. Contact Details**

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact the Downs Benefice Administrator at [office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk) or phone us on **01962 880845**.

**The Benefice Office is open from 9am to 5pm on Monday to Friday.**

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