

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION 25 MAY 2018

PRIVACY FORM

In May 2018 the law regarding Data Protection is changing. Currently, the Data Protection Act 1998 governs how you process personal data (this is information about a living individual which is capable of identifying the individual). On 25th May 2018 the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will replace the 1998 Act.

The main concepts and principles are very similar to those contained in the 1998 Act. However there are some changes and additions. One of the main changes to note is that the GDPR places a much greater emphasis on transparency, openness and the documents needed to show compliance with the legislation – (accountability).

Much of the personal data held by the PCC is likely to be classed as sensitive (by implication, if not directly) for example Electoral Roll forms relate to 'religious belief'. It can be said that the roll is a legitimate activity of the PCC, under Church Representation Rules, but to share this data with another party, further consent from the individual should be sought.

Consent may not be appropriate in every case. For example sharing the names of individuals on the readers' list or after service coffee/tea rotas, and other rotas in order to carry out a service to other church members. (Any sharing of information outside the church would need consent.)

For a consent form and detailed explanation on GDPR and how the church handles such data, please follow the link:

<http://www.stpetersbexhill.org.uk/DATA%20PROTECTION%202018.pdf>.