



St Thomas' Privacy Policy

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St Thomas' Newcastle Data Privacy Notice

St Thomas' is committed to protecting your personal data that we hold. We want you to know that you can trust us to respect your privacy and keep your personal information safe.

Your personal data – what is it?

Personal data relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data (e.g. a name, photographs, videos, email address or postal address). 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').

Who are we?

This privacy notice is provided by the vicar and churchwardens at St Thomas' Church. The Data Controller is the Administrator at St Thomas' and is responsible for how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

How do we process your personal data?

St Thomas' 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
- 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 at St Thomas'



What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- Explicit consent of the data subject so that we can keep you informed about St Thomas, or Diocesan, news, events, activities and services.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out legal obligations in relation to Gift Aid or under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement
- We do not disclose your data to a third party without consent unless required by law to do so
- 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.

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.

How long do we keep your personal data?

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. 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 in order to support HMRC audits; and parish registers for baptisms, marriages and funerals) permanently.

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 St Thomas' holds about you
- The right to request that St Thomas' 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 St Thomas 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
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accurate 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 this is applicable
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

We use ChurchSuite and Squarespace to process some personal data. You can find their Privacy Policy and Data Processing Addendum below.

ChurchSuite Privacy Policy

[Privacy Policy – ChurchSuite](#)

Squarespace Data Processing Addendum

[Data Processing Addendum](#)

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.

Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please, in the first instance, contact the Data Controller Chris Elder on chris@stthomas.church.

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.