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DATA PRIVACY STATEMENT

1. Personal data

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. Data Controller

The eldership (serving elders) of Ipswich Road United Reformed Church 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 eldership of Ipswich Road United Reformed Church 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 personal data for the following purposes: -

- to administer membership records;
- to maintain our financial accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid);
- to provide news and information about events, activities and services at the church;
- to fundraise and promote the interests of the church;
- to manage employees and volunteers;
- to enable the church to provide voluntary services for the benefit of the public in our local community;
- to provide contact details of officers and others with specific responsibilities (eg DBS signatories) to the Synod office and Church House. This enables the Synod and national administration of the United Reformed Church.

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

- 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; or
- Processing is necessary for carrying out obligations under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement; or
- Explicit consent of the data subject has been given.

5. Sharing 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 with your consent. Emails sent to multiple people should be blind copied unless recipients agree otherwise.

6. How long do we keep data?

We retain data on the following basis:

Record Type	Retention Period for complete document or list of addresses
Membership rolls	Indefinitely
Members, adherents and friends contact details	1 copy kept indefinitely for archives. Individuals on list until 24 months after the last contact
Email addresses for church communications	As long as required individuals on list until 24 months after the last contact unless they request earlier removal
Email list for newsletter	As long as required or they request otherwise
Gift aid declarations and paperwork	6 years after the calendar year to which it relates
Register of Baptisms	Indefinitely
Cradle roll	Indefinitely
Junior Church contacts	24 months after the last contact
Registers of Marriage	As required by the Registrar General
Register of Baptisms	Indefinitely
Register of Funerals	Indefinitely
Personal data relating to events for which additional information is gathered eg Church awaydays	Disposed of immediately after the event unless anything has occurred (eg and accident) which indicates that records should be retained longer
Contact details for members and helpers of Teddies, Messy Church, Friday Youths or other children and young peoples' groups	24 months after the last contact
Consent forms for children to attend church clubs or events	25 years after joining or after the event
Register of attendance of children and helpers at Messy Church, Teddies, Friday Youths other children's activities	Indefinitely for safeguarding purposes
Lunch Club: contact details	24 months after the last contact
Register of attendees and helpers at lunch clubs	Indefinitely for safeguarding purposes
Visiting preachers contact details	24 months after the last contact
NAURCMP members	24 months after the last contact
Photographs and videos of events	24 months after the event – selected items retained for historical records
Insurance Records	Indefinitely
Safeguarding matters	Indefinitely or until advised otherwise by authorities
Accident Books	3 years from the date of the last entry (or, if the accident involves a child/ young adult, then until that person reaches the age of 21)

Record Type	Retention Period for complete document or list of addresses
Complaints (non -safeguarding)	3 years after resolution of complaint (unless further action is anticipated)
Minute Books	Indefinitely
Employee Records	6 years after the date of termination of employment
Pension Records (money purchase)	6 years after transfer or value taken
Visitors' Books	Indefinitely
Lettings contacts	24 months after the last contact
Lettings details on website	24 months after the last contact

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 the personal data which Ipswich Road United Reformed Church holds about you (a Subject Access Request or 'SAR');
- The right to request that the eldership of Ipswich Road United Reformed Church 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 Ipswich Road United Reformed Church 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 you with your personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller.
- 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;
- 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 of complaints please in the first instance contact the Church Secretary at secretaryirurc@gmail.com

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.

The Elders

Ipswich Road United Reformed Church

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