



Supporting Christian Churches & Chapels in Essex & East London

Dear Supporter,

General Data Protection Regulations (“GDPR”)

In May 2018 a significant change and consolidation of the Data Protection law was introduced. We need to explain to you our role in managing the personal data that you have given us in the light of this new legislation. Personal data is any information in physical or digital form that identifies any aspect of you and includes, for example, name, address, title, email and financial.

Lawful basis

There must be a valid lawful basis in order to process personal data. The Society’s lawful basis is “legitimate interests”. This basis is most appropriate where people’s data is used in ways they would reasonably expect and which have a minimal privacy impact. The Trust’s Privacy Notice sets out how we collect, use and protect your personal information. The security of your personal information has always been of fundamental importance to us and that will not be changing.

Please do read our Privacy Notice as, amongst other things, it explains:

- The types of personal information we collect about you in the course of running the Friends of Essex Churches Trust and how and why we use that information;
- Who we may share your information with and how we keep it secure; and
- Your rights in relation to your personal information.

Under the GDPR we do not have a statutory requirement to have a Data Protection Officer. The person who is responsible for ensuring the Trust discharges its obligations under the GDPR is the Hon. Secretary, currently Martin Stuchfield.

The legislation introduces a number of individual rights, these include:

- To enquire what data we hold and its accuracy;
- To be informed of any data security breach;
- The right to erase your data if your connection with us ceases. However, please note that we may need to retain this information to meet legal requirements, such as required by HMRC or Gift Aid purposes, etc.; and
- You can ask about the data we hold on you at any time by contacting the Hon. Secretary.

Yours sincerely

H. Martin Stuchfield
Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary

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