



DATA PRIVACY NOTICE

The Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community Church

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 Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community Church is the data controller (see 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 Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community Church complies with its obligations under the GDPR by

- keeping personal data up to date
- storing and destroying it securely
- not collecting or retaining excessive amounts of data
- protecting personal data from loss, misuse, unauthorised access and disclosure
- 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 services and support for the benefit of the public in Birchwood and beyond, as specified in our constitution;
- To administer church records;
- To manage our employees and volunteers;
- To maintain our own accounts and records;
- To inform you of news, events, activities and services at Birchwood Community Church, including those taking place in the Encounter Centre.

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 Stewardship applications/gifts/gift aid;
- 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 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.

5. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with others in the church in order to carry out a service to others in our church family or for purposes

connected with the church. We will only share your data with third parties outside of the church with your consent.

6. How long do we keep your personal data

We keep data in accordance with our own internal policy which also aligns with legal requirements for specific record sets.

Specifically, we retain ChurchSuite 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 employment records including pensions information for 6 years following the last action.

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 Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community Church holds about you;
- The right to request that the Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community 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 the Church Leadership Team of Birchwood Community 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 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) [*Note: 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) [*Note: 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 Commissioners Office.

8. Further processing

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

9. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries of complaints please in the first instance contact the Church Leadership Team at Birchwood Community Church by email to enquiries@birchwood-church.org.

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.