Data Protection & Privacy Statement

West Mersea Free Church website.

Introduction

We respect your privacy, and we take care of any data you give us when participating in our activities, attending our services, or using our website. We are compliant the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Church Trustees of West Mersea Free Church are the Data Controller, and can be contacted by emailing dataprotection@merseafree.church.

If you are concerned about the way your information is being handled please speak to our Data Protection Trustee. If you are still unhappy you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (the ICO).

Browsing our Website

When browsing our website, we collect small amounts of data about your activity to help us improve our website and content in future.

The information we collect includes your operating system, browser and device type, the first two parts of your IP address (to help us determine which country you're from), which of our web pages you have/are visiting, and the referrer URL of your request. We store this information securely on our analytics platform.

We use cookies to store information about your preferences when using our website. As part of our website analytics, we assign a unique identifier to each device to enable us to detect returning visitors. We also use cookies to acknowledge privacy settings on your device, and to enable better content serving to your device through caching. On some pages there is embedded content from other websites, such as Facebook or Google, which may themselves use cookies in accordance with their respective privacy policies.

Our website is secured with Transport Layer Security (TLS), which encrypts communications between our server and your devices. This means that information transmitted between your device and our server is protected.

Completing a Form

If you complete an online form on our website, we will retain all personal information (such as your name, email address and/or phone number) for as long as is necessary for us to deal with your interaction. We will not pass on your details to anyone other than the person/people in our church best able to handle your interaction unless required to by law, or with your explicit consent.

Most interactions through our website are sent by email to the relevant recipients and stored in church-managed email accounts.

Contact our Data Protection Representative

If you have any questions about our website Data Protection & Privacy Statement, or our Data Protection Policy, you can contact our **Data Protection Representative**. By contacting our representative, you agree to us being able to use your data for the purposes of communicating with you regarding data protection. We will not share this information unless required to by law, or to fulfill your request, or with your explicit consent, in accordance with our Website Data Protection & Privacy Statement or our Data Protection Policy.

- By email, <u>dataprotection@merseafree.church</u>
- By phone, (+44) 01206 385212
- By online form, www.merseafree.church/about/privacy/

ICO Registration Details

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