



Confidentiality Policy

Further to the recent update to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we thought it would be useful to clarify our guidelines for when we wish to pray for, or are with others in our community on either a one to one or group basis.

- It is important not to share **any** personal information that could easily identify the individual without their permission; no matter how you have come by this information.
- If you wish to pray for someone within a group please ask for the individual's permission first and ensure they understand that this will be in a group, such as a prayer meeting.
- If you do not have their permission, then please keep their personal information private, including their name.
- However, you are still able to pray for someone without sharing information. For example, "I would like to pray for someone I know, however, I am not able to share their information, but would like to say / pray that God is with them ..."
- It is important not to engage in idle chatter about others within our community, however well-intentioned this may be.

Personal Information is defined as: -

"Any information which can directly or indirectly identify a person."

Examples of this would include: -

- Name
- Address / contact details
- Personal circumstances
- Personal characteristics (physical, mental, cultural, social)
- Subjective information (opinions, judgements)
- Above all special consideration must be given to sensitive personal data (health, political or religious opinions, ideological convictions, trade union membership)

It is also important to remember that people in need of prayer would often be considered vulnerable and would therefore fall under the guidelines of our safeguarding policy.