



ELY DIOCESAN EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP

PRIVACY POLICY

This is the Privacy Policy for the Ely Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship ("we", "us" and "our") and our website hosted at <https://www.elydef.org/> ("website"). In this policy we refer to you as "you" and "your". Please read this policy carefully to ensure you understand our policies and practices on how we collect, process and store your personal data. This policy is effective from 16 July 2026.

By continuing to access and use our website, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this Privacy Policy, and that you consent to us collecting your personal information, and processing and storing such personal information, in the ways set out in this Privacy Policy.

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').

Who we are

The Ely Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship ('Ely DEF') is a membership organisation which takes the legal form of an unincorporated association coordinated by a committee. Ely DEF aims to unite in fellowship all Evangelical Anglicans in Ely Diocese, and to foster and express their special contribution to the life of the Church. Ely DEF is the local association of the Church of England Evangelical Council ('CEEC'). Membership is open to all clergy and laity who live or work in the Diocese of Ely, who support the aims of Ely DEF and assent to its Basis of Faith and Declarations. These are identical to, and based on, CEEC's Basis of Faith and Declarations and may be found on Ely DEF's website.

Ely DEF is the data controller for certain categories of personal data.

Ely DEF handles two main categories of personal data:

- Data collected by CEEC and shared with Ely DEF when a person becomes a member of Ely DEF. CEEC is the data controller for this data and CEEC's privacy policy is available on their website (www.ceec.info);
- Data collected by Ely DEF in relation to (a) Ely DEF and (b) 'Ely Orthodox Anglicans' ('EOA') which is an informal network of orthodox Anglicans within the Diocese of Ely. Ely DEF is the data controller for this data and this Privacy Policy applies to such data.

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What personal data we may collect

We may collect personal data in three ways:

1. Information created when you use our website and other facilities;
2. Information you provide to us; and
3. Information we may collect via third parties

1. Information created when you use our website and other facilities

We may receive and store certain types of information whenever you interact with us.

Our website and email services are hosted by Mythic Beasts Ltd (www.mythic-beasts.com). Except for emails circulated using CEEC's ChurchSuite account (see below), Mythic Beasts provide the servers that allow us to maintain a website and communicate with you by email, and Mythic Beasts act as a data processor for us in this respect. They store your data in secure data centres in the UK. For more details, see the Mythic Beasts Privacy Policy at <https://www.mythic-beasts.com/static/documents/privacy-policy.pdf>.

2. Information we collect from you

a. Information you provide to us in connection with Ely DEF

We may collect and process financial information relating to your membership subscriptions and, if applicable, any donations you may make to Ely DEF.

You may choose to contact us via email using your email address, for example, to report a problem or submit queries, concerns or comments regarding our website or the activities of Ely DEF. In this case, it is understood that we will use this email address to respond to your support request and will keep a copy of support interactions in case they need to be referred back to at a later date. We will not send any marketing to this email address unless you explicitly agree to this.

b. Information you provide to us in connection with EOA

We may collect in connection with EOA the following data about you:

- Names
- Title
- Email address
- Address
- Telephone number(s)
- Job / role description
- Clergy / laity status
- Church / Parish / Benefice

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- Deanery / Archdeaconry
- Responses to requests for specific information relevant to EOA's activities
- Records of your correspondence with us .

You may provide such information in connection with an event organised by EOA, a network operating as or within EOA (such as the Evangelical Network on Diocesan Synod), or an initiative co-ordinated by EOA, or otherwise.

In addition, you may choose to contact us via email using your email address, for example, to report a problem or submit queries, concerns or comments regarding the activities of EOA. In this case, it is understood that we will use this email address to respond to your support request and will keep a copy of support interactions in case they need to be referred back to at a later date. We will not send any marketing to this email address unless you explicitly agree to this.

3. *Information we collect via third parties*

We may collect data from church websites to verify or supplement data which you have provided to us.

CEEC shares details of the members of Ely DEF with us.

How do we process your personal data?

Ely DEF 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.

We may use your personal data for purposes including but not limited to the following:

- Fundraising and promoting the interests of the Fellowship;
- Maintaining our own accounts and records;
- Informing you of news, events, networks, activities and services being run by Ely DEF or EOA which are of potential Interest; and
- Keeping you informed about elections (both diocesan and national).

CEEC administers our membership records.

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, networks, activities, services and keep you informed about elections (both diocesan and national).

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- Legitimate interests of the data controller so that we can keep Ely DEF members and EOA participants informed about news, events, networks, activities, and services and to keep such members, sign-ups, and participants informed about elections (both diocesan and national).

Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential.

Personal data held in connection with Ely DEF will only be shared with other members of Ely DEF in order to carry out a service to other Ely DEF members or for purposes connected with Ely DEF.

Personal data held in connection with EOA may be shared, with the approval of the Ely DEF committee, with individuals or committees of individuals who are co-ordinating networks or activities on behalf of EOA if and to the extent reasonably necessary for such purposes.

We use selected third-party suppliers of digital services to act as data processors (including Mythic Beasts (<https://www.mythic-beasts.com>) (for Ely DEF and EOA matters) and ChurchSuite (<https://churchsuite.com>) and (in circumstances where the use of ChurchSuite is impractical) Google Workspace (<https://workspace.google.com>) (for EOA matters).

Otherwise, we will only share your data with third parties outside of Ely DEF with your prior consent.

Does your information ever leave the UK/EEA?

ChurchSuite may share personal information with third parties outside of the UK or the European Economic Area (EEA) only with its sub-processors. Where personal data is transferred outside of the UK, ChurchSuite will only do so with that data which is absolutely necessary. If there is no suitable adequacy decision for the country to which the data is being transferred, ChurchSuite will carry out a transfer risk assessment and ensure other safeguards are implemented prior to transferring data. For more information, see: <https://churchsuite.com/privacy-notice/>.

Google maintains [servers around the world](#) and your personal data, if any is processed using Google Workspace, may be processed on servers located outside the UK. Data protection laws vary among countries, with some providing more protection than others. Wherever such servers are located, Google applies same protections and legal frameworks relating to the transfer of data. For more information, see: https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en_gb.

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How long do we keep your personal data?

For as long as you remain a member of Ely DEF or participant in EOA, or wish to receive communications from Ely DEF or EOA, we will retain the appropriate contact data to allow us to serve you and promote Ely DEF's and/or EOA's aims.

From time to time, we will review our data and remove details of those who are known no longer either to reside or attend church within the Diocese of Ely or who have asked for their data to be removed.

What rights you have over your 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 Ely DEF holds about you;
- The right to request that Ely DEF 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 Ely DEF to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time;
- 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);
- The right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office.

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.

Amendments to this policy

We may amend this Privacy Policy from time to time. If we do, we will announce this on our website. We will change the date in the first paragraph of this page above. You should consult this Privacy Policy regularly for any changes.

Contacting us

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact us at: secretary@elydef.org.

The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by post at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or using the contact details on their complaint portal (<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>) .