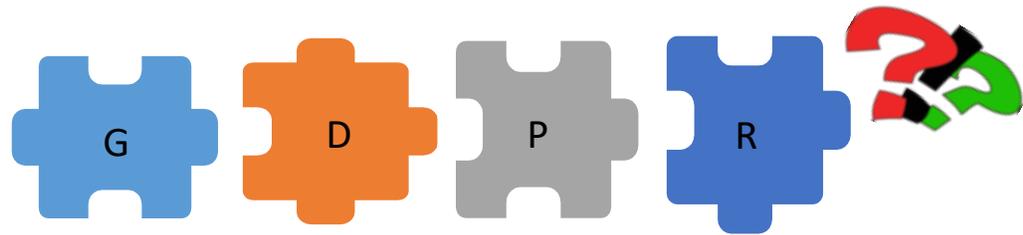




# **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)**

## **A Brief Guide**

## What is ...



This is a law which has come into force for everyone living in the UK. It supercedes all previous data protection laws gives more protection for your personal data.

## Why do I need to worry about it?



In an increasingly computerised age, where your information may be held on multiple databases (local Council, charities to whom you donate, guarantees that you have taken out, utilities that you pay for etc), this law gives you the right to control what happens to your private information. It means your private information cannot be sold on without your agreement.

As a charity to whom you subscribe, we have a responsibility to look after your personal information and keep it secure. We also have a legal obligation to safeguard your data, failure to do so can result in hefty fines.

## What happens to my data in Mothers' Union?

When you pay your annual subscription to Mothers' Union, you are agreeing that we can hold certain information about you – your name, your address, and your email address. We also ask you to fill in a form which gives us other details – these are optional, you can fill these in or not, it is up to you. We will carefully look after your personal information.



## Storage

Your information will be stored on a computer, but it will be protected by a password, so only a few people instructed by the trustees will be able to access it.



## Who uses it ?

We will share your contact details with Mary Sumner House so that they can contact you with information, events, publications etc about Mothers' Union activities in which you may be interested.



## What am I agreeing to ?



You are agreeing to let us use your name, address and email address to contact you about the work of the Mothers' Union in our diocese and also nationally.

## If I change my mind, what can I do ?

This law gives you rights. You now have access to data held about you; you have the right to have inaccurate data corrected; you have the right to have your data removed from all systems; you have the right to restrict who sees your information, you have the right to object and you have the right to be informed about the use of your personal data. If you decided to remove all your personal data from the Mothers' Union, then you can no longer be known as a member, because we have to be able to keep in touch with you to retain your membership status. You may change your mind about optional rights like having your photograph on the Mothers' Union website. If you wish to change your options talk to your Branch Leader and the Diocesan Data Controller.

## **Do I need to do anything else ?**

If you have paid your annual subscription, which gives Mothers' Union a legitimate interest to access your personal data, and you have filled in a membership form which lists the obligatory and optional fields, there is nothing else to do but enjoy your membership to one of the largest charities in the world which cares about and seeks to improve Christian family life.



If you have any questions about GDPR and the Mothers' Union, please contact the Mothers' Union Diocese of Peterborough Data Controller: Jean Rose on 01933 663778.