



Data Privacy Notice

American International Church, Whitefield Memorial Church
79a Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 4TD

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 UK General Data Protection Regulation of 2018 (the "GDPR"), updated in June 2025.

2. Who are we?

The American International Church is the data controller (contact details above). This means it decides how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

3. How do we process your personal data?

The American International Church 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 to protect personal data.

We use your personal data for the following purposes: -

- to administer membership records;
- to maintain our financial accounts and records (including the processing of gift aid);
- to provide news and information about events, activities and services at the church;
- to fundraise and promote the interests of the church;
- to manage employees and volunteers;
- to enable the church to provide voluntary services for the benefit of the public in our local community;
- to provide contact details of officers and others with specific responsibilities (e.g. DBS signatories) to the synod office and Church House. This enables the synod and national administration of the United Reformed Church.

4. What is the legal basis for processing your personal data?

- 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.
- Explicit consent of the data subject has been given so that we can keep you informed about news, events, activities and services.
- Processing is necessary for carrying out legal obligations in relation to Gift Aid or under employment, social security or social protection law, or a collective agreement.

5. Sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with other members of the church in order to carry out a service to other church members 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 retain data on the following basis:

Record Type	Retention Period	Review Process
Membership rolls	Indefinitely	None
Members, adherents and friends contact details	36 months after the last contact	Annually in August
Gift aid declarations and paperwork	6 years after the last calendar year to which it relates	Annually in first quarter of the year
Registers of Marriage	As required by the Registrar General	None
Register of Baptisms	Indefinitely	None
Register of Funerals	Indefinitely	None
Photographs and videos of events	Indefinitely retained for historical records	None
Insurance Records	Indefinitely	None
Safeguarding matters	Indefinitely or until advised otherwise by authorities	Annual report made to URC
Records of attendance of children/young people and helpers	Indefinitely for safeguarding purposes	None
Accident Books	3 years from the date of the last entry (or, if the accident involves a child/ young adult, then until that person reaches the age of 21)	Annually in August
Complaints (non -safeguarding)	3 years after resolution of complaint (unless further action is anticipated)	Annually in August
Minutes of Meetings	Indefinitely	None
Employee Records	6 years after the date of termination of employment	Annually in August



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 American International Church holds about you;
- The right to request that the American International 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 American International 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 you with your personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller.
- 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.
- 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 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.

9. Contact Details

To exercise all relevant rights, queries of complaints please in the first instance contact the Office Manager at American International Church, 79a Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 4TD or info@amchurch.co.uk

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.