

## Fundraising policy for St James Church Badsey. 2024

### **The Fundraising Regulator of England launched a new code of practice in October 2019 concerning charity fundraising standards.**

All PCCs are charities and any request the church makes for giving, be it regular or a one off are covered by this Fundraising Practice.

### **The main values of this guide are below and to be used as best practice by the church.**

All fundraising must be legal.

All fundraisers must be open about their processes and aims, and willing to explain these.

All fundraisers must act with integrity and not be misleading about what they are fundraising for or how the donation will be used.

### **There must be respect for all givers.**

The church has been given specific guidelines regarding vulnerable people making informed decisions. If it is suspected the giver lacks capacity they should not be asked. If it is discovered at a later date then the gift should be returned.

There must be no inaccurate, ambiguous or exaggerated claims. If you say something that is likely to be taken literally you must be able to prove it.

You can use reasonable persuasion but if it is made clear the person is no longer interested you must stop.

You must not unfairly criticise other people or organisations to encourage a giver to support a different cause.

### **PCC members are effectively charity Trustees and have overall responsibility for all giving.**

It does not mean they cannot delegate or that every detail of an event has to be discussed at a PCC meeting, The PCC must.

- Be aware of the Code of Fundraising Practice and ensure that those who supervise on its behalf follow the standards.
- ensure the fundraising practises are adhered to.
- be the body within the church that agrees what types of fundraising activity are used and for what purposes funds are raised.
- ensure all money raised is received and accounted for by the church and that funds raised are used only for the purposes for which they were given

### **Generally a charity must not refuse a gift**

However it can take into account the ethics and values of the giver as long as they can evidence taking the gift would be detrimental.

This could be because equivalent value gifts from other supporters or funders might be lost, or loss of volunteers whose services would be of at least the same value. Decisions to refuse or return a gift must be taken by the PCC, or through a process it has set up, and a record made of each case

### **Gifts can only be used for the purpose they are raised.**

It is vital the wording is chosen carefully to avoid general unrestricted funds becoming specifically restricted. It also needs to be made clear from the start/outset what will happen to excess funds.

Consideration of data privacy and protection must be considered at all times if personal information is collected.