

## **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL BARN CENTRE AND ST. MARY'S CHURCH POLICY FOR WASTE AND RECYCLING**

### **Background information**

The PCC has overall responsibility for the Barn Centre which has a management committee set up for the day-to-day running of the Centre and for its maintenance. The PCC is also responsible for St. Mary's Church and any related disposal of waste.

New regulations for businesses have come into force from 31st March 2025 regarding disposal of waste and recycling. Micro businesses (those with less than 10 employees - volunteers are not counted) have until 2027 to adopt the new regulations. St Mary's Church and Barn Centre are therefore rated as a micro business but it is important to adopt the regulatory standard now rather than waiting for that changeover date. The regulations include charities and places of worship. In practice we should adopt the same recycling standard that already applies to domestic properties.

We are rated as a business but we have so far not adopted a paid-for recycling service. All recycled material should be removed from site and disposed of via other legitimate means. A non-exhaustive list of what can or can't be recycled will be displayed in the Barn Centre for guidance. The list is not exhaustive, any queries to be directed to the sexton. The list should also be provided to hirers of the hall.

We only have a general waste collection at present. A food waste caddy or container must be provided for kitchen waste to be put out at the roadside with the general waste collection. A smaller caddy to be placed in the kitchen away from food preparation areas for day-to-day food waste, the larger caddy with a vermin proof lid to normally be placed outside the building within easy reach of users.

It is imperative that all church and barn users follow these processes in future when the regulations for micro businesses come into force, we could be officially inspected at any time to ensure compliance.

Lastly - what we do helps towards protecting our environment!

St. Mary's Parochial Church Council

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Signed.....  
Rev'd Paul Mundy