

Social media community guidelines and use of the internet in the Redruth Team Ministry.

Our community guidelines have been created to encourage conversations that reflect our values. They apply to all content posted on the national social media accounts run by the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop of York and for our purposes, in the Redruth Team of Churches and associated organisations.

Social media is a very public way of enabling us as Christians to live out our calling to share the good news of Jesus Christ. One of its many joys is that it is immediate, interactive, conversational and open-ended. This opportunity comes with a number of downsides if users do not apply the same common sense, kindness and sound judgement that we would use in a face-to-face encounter.

By engaging with the Church of England and Archbishops' social media accounts, you agree to:

- ✓ Be safe. The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults must be maintained. If you have any concerns, ask a diocesan safeguarding adviser.
- ✓ Be respectful. Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, inflammatory, hateful, abusive, threatening or otherwise disrespectful.
- ✓ Be kind. Treat others how you would wish to be treated and assume the best in people. If you have a criticism or critique to make, consider not just whether you would say it in person, but the tone you would use.
- ✓ Be honest. Don't mislead people about who you are.
- ✓ Take responsibility. You are accountable for the things you do, say and write. Text and images shared can be public and permanent, even with privacy settings in place. If you're not sure, don't post it.
- ✓ Be a good ambassador. Personal and professional life can easily become blurred online so think before you post.
- ✓ Disagree well. Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.
- ✓ Credit others. Acknowledge the work of others. Respect copyright and always credit where it is due. Be careful not to release sensitive or confidential information and always question the source of any content you are considering amplifying.
- ✓ Follow the rules. Abide by the terms and conditions of the various social media platforms themselves. If you see a comment that you believe breaks their policies, then please report it to the respective company.
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The internet, Parish website, Facebook pages etc should all reflect the values of the Redruth Team. All contributors are responsible for what they publish online in any context.

It is not proposed to put a list of sanctions for indiscretions but rather praise good use and sensible checking of published items, preferably by more than one person.

The administrator and Jim Seth are responsible for website content.

The Facebook pages are:

The Redruth Team page- for all the churches. <https://www.facebook.com/redruthchurch>

The Treleigh page [St Stephens Treleigh](#)

The St Euny Page [st euny church, redruth](#)

Flapjack and Pencoy's [flapjack four lanes & pencoys churches](#)

St Andrews in town <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsChurchRedruth>

Lanner Christchurch: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristchurchLanner>

It would be useful to know who monitors these pages for misinformation etc and who is responsible for contributing.