



## Pastoral Care Agreement

- This document is to be used as and when necessary to ensure that appropriate boundaries are in place, and that the most effective pastoral care can be given to each member of the worshipping community.
- It has been drawn up in order to protect the needs of both the individual and the Minister named below.
- It is to be read in addition to the Risk Assessment for Lone Working and the Risk Assessment for Pastoral Visits.

Spaces have been left on the form for you to fill in notes as necessary. Examples have been given but these are for guidance only and are not exhaustive.

**This Pastoral Care Agreement is between:**

**Name of individual** \_\_\_\_\_ and

**Name of Minister** \_\_\_\_\_

This Agreement will be held in confidence by St Peter's Church, unless it needs to be shared as part of a Safeguarding issue, in which case the individual will be advised first.

Commitments of the Minister (to be adapted and added to as appropriate)	Commitments of the Individual (to be adapted and added to as appropriate)
<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To give a set amount of time to the individual on a monthly basis”</i></p>	<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To keep issues for discussion until the assigned meeting (unless a real emergency occurs). To accept that appointments may need to be postponed if other emergencies arise. To advise the Minister if you are going to be late or unable to make the meeting”</i></p>
<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To be available in times of need”</i></p>	<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To recognise that it is appropriate to contact the Minister by phone from 9am to 7pm and to only ring when there is an urgent need or practical requirement. To respect the Minister’s time off. To keep unscheduled visits to the Rectory to a minimum unless an emergency arises”</i></p>

<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To provide a welcoming, loving environment at all times within the church and the coffee shop”</i></p>	<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To contribute to this environment, by speaking in an appropriate tone and manner to other individuals, or whilst on the phone”</i></p>
<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To be truthful and honest with you at all times”</i></p>	<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To be truthful and honest with the Clergy, both directly to the Minister concerned and when speaking about him/her with others about visits or meetings”</i></p>
<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To maintain confidentiality as far as is possible”</i></p>	<p><b>Example:</b> <i>“To accept that information may need to be shared with other agencies or services where the individual poses a risk to themselves or other people”</i></p>

Any further information	Date

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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