



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HAYDON WICK

POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

This policy was approved by St. John's PCC on 27th January 2020 and supersedes all previous policies on this matter.

St John's Haydon Wick wants to have an active presence on the internet so that members of the congregation can connect with one another online and the wider world can glimpse the love, joy and glory of following Jesus Christ.

We are aware that the positive benefits of social media platforms such as Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram and Twitter can be damaged by deliberate or thoughtless posts, so we ask all church members to follow our social media guidelines, as follows:

1. Do post anything which you feel is relevant to the congregation of St. John's Haydon Wick.
2. Do be respectful to God and other people in what you say.
3. Do go along to St. John's events ready to photograph and report back using social media.
4. Do get the permission of anyone whose photo you want to post (or their parents if under 18).
5. Do ensure you have the necessary copyright on any pictures you post.
6. Do give high regard to people's privacy, using only first names if possible.
7. Do encourage people to pray for general events or situations, but not named individuals.
8. Do read what you've written before posting it (out loud is best) to check it makes sense and sounds friendly.
9. Do encourage others in the congregation to actively use our social media – the more people who contribute, the better presence it will have. We want people to come to it for comments, feedback, general updates and notices, and to contribute themselves.