

Privacy Policy

The Chosen Clubs — Josiah Venture, NFP

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1. Who We Are (Data Controller)

Josiah Venture, NFP ("Josiah Venture", "we", "our", or "us") respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard personal information when you visit thechosenclubs.com, create an account, participate in our programmes, or otherwise interact with us.

For the purposes of applicable data protection laws, including the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the data controller responsible for processing your personal data is:

Josiah Venture, NFP

P.O. Box 4317, Wheaton, IL 60189-4317, United States

Email: chosenclubs@josiahventure.com

Telephone: +1 630-221-9332

Josiah Venture is a not-for-profit organisation with a religious aim. We determine the purposes and means of processing personal data and take appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect it against unauthorised access, disclosure, loss, or misuse.

2. Categories of Data Subjects

We may process personal data relating to the following categories of individuals:

- Club leaders, volunteers, and collaborators
- Participants in programmes, events, or activities
- Donors and supporters
- Employees and job applicants
- Vendors, contractors, and partners
- Users of our websites and digital platforms

3. Personal Data We Collect

When you create an account on thechosenclubs.com, we collect the following information directly from you:

Information	Why we need it
Name	To identify your account and address you correctly.
Email address	To create and secure your account, and to contact you about it.
Password	To protect your account. It is stored only in encrypted form and is never visible to us.
Telephone number	So that a regional coordinator can reach you about your club.
Church or organisation name	To understand which churches and ministries run clubs. See Section 4.

Information	Why we need it
City	To connect you with the nearest regional coordinator and partner network.
Primary audience	The age group your club serves, so we can recommend suitable material.
Language	To show you the site and communications in your language.

If you contact us or submit a story through our website, we also process the content of your message and any contact details you provide with it.

When you use our website, we and our service providers automatically collect limited technical information, including your IP address, browser and device type, and the pages you visit. See Section 9.

We do not collect payment card details through this website, and we do not collect dates of birth or postal addresses from account holders.

4. Information About Your Church or Organisation

When you create an account, we ask for the name of your church or organisation. We use this to understand which churches and ministries run Chosen Clubs, to connect you with the right local partner and regional coordinator, and to report in aggregate on where the programme is active.

The name of a church or organisation can reveal your religious beliefs. Under Article 9 of the GDPR, information revealing religious belief is a special category of personal data and receives additional protection.

Josiah Venture is a not-for-profit body with a religious aim. We process this information under Article 9(2)(d) of the GDPR, which permits such processing in the course of the legitimate activities of a not-for-profit body with a religious, philosophical, or political aim. Article 9(2)(d) applies on conditions that we observe:

- the processing relates solely to our members, our former members, and people who are in regular contact with us in connection with our purposes — here, the leaders and volunteers who run or support a Chosen Club;
- we apply appropriate safeguards to this information, described in Section 11; and
- we do not disclose this information outside Josiah Venture without your consent. Service providers who process it strictly on our documented instructions under a written data processing agreement, described in Section 7, act on our behalf and are not third-party recipients.

You may ask us at any time to correct or remove the name of your church or organisation from your account, using the contact details in Section 17. Removing it will not affect your access to your account or to any study material.

We do not ask for any other special category information — such as data concerning health, ethnic origin, or political opinions — and we ask that you do not provide it through our website or forms. Where you choose to share something about your faith in an optional free-text field, such as the "Share Your Story" form, you do so at your own initiative, and we use it only for the purpose described to you at the point you submit it.

5. How We Use Personal Data

We process personal data for the following purposes:

- creating, securing, and managing user accounts

- providing access to study guides, leader resources, and training material
- administering programmes, events, and activities
- communicating with leaders, participants, supporters, and partners
- connecting leaders with regional coordinators and local partner organisations
- responding to enquiries and providing support
- maintaining and improving our website and services
- ensuring security and preventing fraud and abuse
- complying with legal obligations

We do not sell personal data, and we do not use it for advertising or automated decision-making that produces legal or similarly significant effects.

6. Legal Basis for Processing

Under the GDPR we process personal data only where a lawful basis applies.

Basis	When we rely on it
Contractual necessity — Article 6(1)(b)	To create and operate your account and give you access to the material you asked for. Your name, email address, and password are processed on this basis.
Legitimate interests — Article 6(1)(f)	To support and coordinate clubs, to reach you about the club you lead, to keep our site secure, and to improve our services. We balance these interests against your rights and freedoms.
Consent — Article 6(1)(a)	For non-essential cookies and similar technologies, and for any optional communications you subscribe to. You may withdraw consent at any time.
Legal obligation — Article 6(1)(c)	Where processing is required to comply with applicable law.
Religious non-profit activities — Article 9(2)(d)	For information about your church or organisation, which may reveal religious belief. See Section 4.

7. Data Processors and Service Providers

We use a small number of service providers who process personal data strictly on our documented instructions, under written data processing agreements, and who may not use it for their own purposes:

Provider	Role	Location
Webflow, Inc.	Website hosting, and storage of contact and story form submissions	United States
Memberstack	Member accounts, authentication, and account data storage	United States
Google LLC	Optional "Sign in with Google" authentication, where you choose to use it, and delivery of web fonts	United States
Web development partner	Website development and maintenance, under contract to Josiah Venture	United States

We review this list as our services change and update this Policy accordingly.

8. International Data Transfers

Josiah Venture is a United States not-for-profit organisation, and the service providers listed in Section 7 are established in the United States. Personal data is therefore transferred outside the European Economic Area.

Where such transfers occur, we rely on appropriate safeguards permitted under Chapter V of the GDPR, including the European Commission's Standard Contractual Clauses incorporated into our agreements with these providers. You may request further information about these safeguards using the contact details in Section 17.

9. Cookies and Similar Technologies

Our website stores a small amount of information on your device. Some of it is strictly necessary for the site to work; the rest is used only where you have given consent.

Strictly necessary storage

The following are set without consent because the site cannot function without them. They are not used to track you across other websites.

Name	Purpose
fs-cc	Records your cookie preferences so we do not ask again on every page.
_ms-mid, _ms-mem, ms_session_id, ms_groups	Set by Memberstack to sign you in, keep you signed in, and determine which material your account may access.
country, selectedStudySeason	Remember the country you selected and where you were in the study, so the site opens in the right place.

Optional storage

We ask for your consent before using any storage for analytics, marketing, or personalisation. Our cookie banner lets you accept all, reject all, or choose by category. At the time of writing we do not operate any analytics, advertising, or social media tracking on this website.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting us using the details in Section 17, or by clearing cookies and site data for thechosenclubs.com in your browser settings. Blocking strictly necessary storage will prevent you from signing in.

10. Data Retention

We retain personal data only for as long as necessary for the purposes for which it was collected, including maintaining your account, administering programmes and services, fulfilling our obligations, complying with legal and tax requirements, and resolving disputes.

When personal data is no longer required, it is securely deleted or anonymised in accordance with applicable law. You may ask us to delete your account and its associated data at any time using the contact details in Section 17.

11. Data Security

We apply technical and organisational measures appropriate to the risk, including:

- encrypted connections (HTTPS) across the whole website
- passwords stored only in hashed form, never in plain text
- access to member records restricted to a small number of authorised administrators
- written data processing agreements with every service provider that handles personal data
- logging of administrator access and of changes to member records
- periodic review of who holds access and of our security practices

Although we take reasonable precautions, no system can guarantee absolute security. If a personal data breach occurs that is likely to result in a high risk to your rights and freedoms, we will notify you and the competent supervisory authority as required by Articles 33 and 34 of the GDPR.

12. Your Data Protection Rights

Subject to the conditions in the GDPR, you have the right to:

- access the personal data we hold about you, and receive a copy of it
- have inaccurate personal data corrected
- have your personal data erased
- restrict how we process your personal data
- receive your personal data in a portable, machine-readable format
- object to processing carried out on the basis of our legitimate interests
- withdraw consent at any time, where we rely on consent, without affecting the lawfulness of processing before withdrawal

To exercise any of these rights, contact us at chosenclubs@josiahventure.com or at the postal address in Section 17. We will respond within one month of receiving your request. That period may be extended by up to two further months for complex requests, in which case we will tell you within the first month and explain why. We do not charge a fee for responding to a request unless it is manifestly unfounded or excessive.

13. Complaints

If you believe your personal data has been processed unlawfully, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the data protection supervisory authority in the EU or EEA country where you live, where you work, or where the alleged infringement took place. You are welcome to contact us first, and we will do our best to resolve the matter.

14. Children's Privacy

Accounts on thechosenclubs.com are intended for club leaders and volunteers who are at least 16 years old, or the minimum age for consent to information society services in their country, whichever is higher.

Where a Chosen Club includes participants under that age, the club leader and the local church are responsible for obtaining any parental or guardian consent required for the participants' involvement in the club itself. We do not knowingly collect personal data directly from children through this website. If we learn that we have done so, we will delete it.

15. Relationship to Terms of Service

Your use of this website and any account you create is also governed by our Terms of Service. If there is a conflict between the Terms of Service and this Privacy Policy in relation to personal data, this Privacy Policy prevails.

16. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy to reflect changes in law, in our services, or in the service providers we use. The current version is always published at thechosenclubs.com/personal-data with the revised "Last updated" date. Where a change materially affects how we process your personal data, we will take reasonable steps to notify you directly.

17. Contact Information

For any question about this Privacy Policy, or to exercise your data protection rights, contact us at:

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