A number of meetings and at least one Church Service have reported being “Zoom bombed” where intruders have entered Zoom meetings to disrupt them.

Images of people which identify them to a specific Church are classified as sensitive personal information according to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

Zoom meetings should not be recorded without the participants consent. (See consent form)

Zoom meetings should not be placed on Church websites or YouTube without participants consent. (See consent form)

Zoom meetings and services can be advertised on websites and on social media but the meeting ID numbers or links should be emailed only to prevent direct unsupervised access.

Participants at Zoom meetings should not take screenshots, just as if they were in a Church service, without the consent of the other participants and the Church leadership.

Children aged from 13-16 need to give their consent as well as their parents to their images being used by the Church on the Internet. (See consent form)

Individual children should not be made identifiable to strangers on Parish websites including from Zoom meetings.

Zoom meetings for children’s groups should be password protected with a waiting room facility used and then the meeting locked after the last arrival. There should be a minimum of two Safer Recruited adults present before the first child arrives and after the last child has left.

Hosts are advised to familiarize themselves with which version of Zoom they have so when they use the “manage participants” tab they know how to mute and unmute all participants and how to remove a participant, set waiting rooms, and keep the designated leaders on screen.