



Christ Church Safeguarding Policy Statement

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We believe that children and adults at risk deserve the best possible care that the church can provide and that the church should be a safe place for everyone involved. We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community. We also recognise that abuse can take many forms, including physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, financial and spiritual.
- We are committed to showing proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed or be at risk of any form of abuse, co-operating with the police and social services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by a person in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to proper authorities, to any member of the church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Christ Church Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Yvonne Sackey, on **07956 157274** in the first instance. You can also contact our minister, Revd David Hardman, on **07984 460426**.



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Rev David Hardman
Minister

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