



Safeguarding Policy

All Saints' Church, Walsoken

Please refer to Document S&S_Doc_001 for all Safeguarding and Social requirements.

Specific Policy

This Safeguarding & Social (S&S) sub-policy controls Safeguarding at church.

Safeguarding Statement for Children and Vulnerable Adults

All Saints' Church, Walsoken is committed to safeguarding all those who attend the worship and other activities that we offer. We follow the House of Bishops' Policy, 'Promoting a Safer Church (2017)' and the Diocese of Ely Policy and Procedures (2017). We seek to create a culture where everyone is included, respected, listened to, and taken seriously. We accept the prime duty of care for children and vulnerable adults and have appointed a safeguarding officer to ensure that what we do is informed by up-to-date policies and procedures from local and national authorities.

The PCC at All Saints' Church, Walsoken has formally appointed a parish safeguarding officer.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is:

Mrs Christine Newman

who can be contacted on:

01945 880846 or chrissiejane1947@sky.com

Note: The PCC at All Saints' Church, Walsoken has formally adopted The House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'.

Reference Documents

Promoting a Safer Church (2017).

Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure 2021.

The Church of England National Safeguarding Standards and Quality Assurance Framework.

Procedure

We follow recommended safeguarding practice in recruiting, training, and supporting our ordained and lay ministers, and our volunteers. Recruitment includes Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for those working regularly or substantially with children and/or vulnerable adults.

Health and safety policies are in place, and we have provided adequate insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of our church. All those working on behalf of our church, who have been through the DBS checks and who have received safeguarding training, have agreed to comply with this safeguarding policy and with the good practice guidelines for their work.

We respond without delay to any complaint that a child or vulnerable adult in our care may have been harmed by the behaviour of a visitor, volunteer or congregational member at our church. We always seek advice on such matters from outside our church, and we will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any enquiries they may need to make into allegations against a member of our church community. During those enquiries we will do our best to ensure that those making an allegation, and those against whom an allegation is made, are supported appropriately.

We seek to offer informed pastoral care and support to any child or vulnerable adult whose life has been affected by abuse, whether the abuse was recent or long ago. Where there is a current risk to vulnerable people that has not yet been brought to light, we support the person who has suffered abuse in taking information to the appropriate agencies.

Our church wishes to welcome and support all members of its community. Those who have a history of offences against children or vulnerable adults, and/or who may pose a risk to them are offered a supportive agreement to help them take part in church life; they are supported pastorally, and boundaries are set to protect those who might be vulnerable within our church. Confidential safeguarding agreements are the responsibility of the Diocesan

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Safeguarding Adviser and the incumbent, who work together. We regularly review and update our safeguarding policies, and we welcome comments from those using our services on how we could improve our awareness and safeguarding practices.

For specific details of other All Saints' Church, Walsoken's safeguarding policies, see.

Safeguarding (Training) Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_003

Child Protection (Abuse and Neglect) Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_004

Vulnerable Adults (Abuse and Neglect) Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_005

Complaints & Allegations (Safeguarding) Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_009

Responding to Domestic Abuse Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_017

Ex Offenders Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_018

Safer Recruitment Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_022

Role Outlines Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_025

Unaccompanied Children Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_026

Safeguarding Complaints Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_030

Vulnerable People Policy - For specific details see Church Document: S&S_Doc_031

Forms

Form 1. Safeguarding Who's Who

This form, when completed with details, will be available to the congregation

The Incumbent:

Name:	Contact No:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER

The Churchwardens

Names:	Contact No:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER

The Parish Safeguarding Officer

Name:	Contact No:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER

Authorised Lay Ministers (ALM)

Names:	Contact No:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER

The PCC

Who to ask to get something on the PCC agenda:

FIRST NAME LAST NAME	FIRST NAME LAST NAME
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	FIRST NAME LAST NAME
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Who can you talk to if you observe or are told about any child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concerns?

Names:	Contact No:
FIRST NAME LAST NAME	NUMBER

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Diagrams

None

Appendices

None

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