

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

At St Saviour's we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice:

- We will carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within our church in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration/membership of the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that any adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abused, including their feelings of alienation and/or isolation.
- We will seek to protect survivors of sexual abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
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Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

- Recognise** the signs that could indicate that abuse might be happening to a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- Respond** sensitively to the person and listen to what they have to say. Do not ask closed questions or attempt to investigate.
- Record** what you have been told factually and accurately, using the language used by the person disclosing within an hour.
- Report** immediately to your church Safeguarding Lead who will know from whom to seek support.
- Refer** to the appropriate statutory authority and the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

For more information on St Saviour's approach to safeguarding contact the Safeguarding Lead: Robert Simpson at office@stsaviour.org.uk