

Parish Policy Statement for Safeguarding 2017

The following policy was agreed at the meeting of St Saviour's Parochial Church Council (PCC) on **Thursday 22 June, 2017**.

We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and procedures, accepting as a minimum the House of Bishops' Policy, Protecting All God's Children (4th edition 2010). In addition, the Parish will follow the diocesan procedures and recommended good practice, while being responsive to local parish requirement. In particular, we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them.

We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually, at the first meeting of the new PCC, so that new members are aware of their responsibilities and confirm the existence of their parish policy on child protection and safeguarding.

The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people, and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.

We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse. We will also care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or vulnerable adult.

St Saviour's PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued through the Diocese of St Albans.

We have appointed, as our Parish Safeguarding Lead:

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This policy statement has been endorsed and ratified by the St Saviour's PCC:

Chair of the PCC (Priest-in-Charge):	Fr Yenda Smejkal
Churchwarden:	Diana Hewlett

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