

PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.

We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or adults at risk.

We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.

We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.

Signed:

Vicar/Rector/Priest in charge: Paul Kennedy

Churchwarden: Barbara Harris

Churchwarden: James Olley

Safeguarding Officer

Barbara Harris Church Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.

contact: administrator@vedast.org.uk

Children's Champion

Erica Olley Children's Champion

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.

contact: administrator@vedast.org.uk

The following team members have completed safeguarding training: **Elizabeth Batchelor and Erica Olley**

The following people are our first aiders: **Joanna Sorohan and Ade Salou**

Important telephone numbers:

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: 020 7932 1224

CCPAS 24 hour helpline: 0303 003 1111

Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline)/Childline: 0800 1111



We are proud to be members
of the Children's Charter.