



Diocese of Bristol

Parish of All Saints with St John

POLICY STATEMENT

Safeguarding Children and Young People and Adults

- **The Parish of All Saints with St John (hereinafter referred to as ‘the church’ or ‘our church’ in this Policy Statement)**

- **In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:**
 - Promoting a safer environment and culture.
 - Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
 - Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
 - Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
 - Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons; and
 - Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

- **The Parish will:**
 - Create a safe and caring place for all.
 - Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the the Vicar, Associate Clergy and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to implement policy and procedures.
 - Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse in line with the Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance, 2021 and provide ongoing supervision, support and training.
 - Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
 - Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
 - Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
 - Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and statutory agencies immediately.
 - Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
 - Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
 - Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
 - Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.
 - Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

Policy and Procedures

- A copy of this policy statement will be displayed permanently within the church and be available on the Parish website.
- Each worker with children and young people whether paid or voluntary will be given access to a full copy of the parish policy and procedure and associated Good Practice Guidance and will be expected to follow them.
- A full copy of the policy and procedures will be made available on request to any member of the church, the parents or carers of any child or young person from the church or any other person associated with the church or community. It is also available on the Parish website.
- The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed annually by the PCC.

What to Do?

- Whether a child, young person or adult has shared a concern with you or you have seen or heard something of concern here is some important information:

If the situation is URGENT – i.e. there is an imminent risk of harm:

- Contact the **Police on 101 or 999** as appropriate

OR

- Contact the **Local Authority Children or Adult Safeguarding Teams:**
 - [Bristol Children's Safeguarding Team](#)
 - First Response Team **0117 903 6444**
 - When the offices are closed call the [Social Work Emergency Duty Team 01454 615 165](#).
 - [Bristol Adults' Safeguarding Team](#)
 - Care Direct on **0117 922 2700**, 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
 - There's an answerphone service outside these hours.
- Once you have sought advice from the Police or the Local Authority and the situation is made safe, inform the [Parish Safeguarding Officer](#) as soon as possible of the concern and actions taken, and also provide a written record of this.
- If the concern is about the Parish Safeguarding Officer contact the [Incumbent](#) (Vicar) or [Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser](#).

If the situation is of concern but is not urgent:

- Contact the [Parish Safeguarding Officer](#) to report the concern and also provide a written record.
- If the concern is about the Parish Safeguarding Officer, contact the [Incumbent](#) (Vicar) or [Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser](#).
- The relevant person will then decide with you whether to discuss with the child and their parents or carers, or the adult and any carers, and whether a referral to the Local Authority Children or Adults' Safeguarding Team is needed or any other action.

Note: Anyone can report a concern directly to the Police or the Local Authority at any time.

Summary of Useful Contacts:

Police	If a child or adult is in immediate risk of harm dial 999 or 101 as appropriate
Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSOs)	Caroline Davenport and Janice Callow E: c2davbristol@hotmail.com E: janicecallow@yahoo.co.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA)	Adam Bond T: 0117 906 0100 E: adam.bond@bristoldiocese.org
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