

How to contact the Parish Safeguarding Officers

Our Parish Safeguarding officers are:-

Parish Wide Safeguarding Officer- Susan White 07717823915

Parish North Area Safeguarding – Michelle Dundas

Parish South Area Safeguarding – Jan Rowland

Central Area Safeguarding – Christine Tully

The diocese safeguarding officer is Beth Miller and her contact details are: –

Address: Cuthbert House, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RY

Email: beth@bethmillerisw.co.uk | beth.miller@durham.anglican.org

Mobile: 07968034075

If you are unable to get in touch with any of the above a child, young person or adult is at *immediate* risk of harm please call 999

Safeguarding of Children, Young people and Vulnerable Adults.

The Church of England takes seriously the Safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults and has recently updated their Safeguarding Policy. The Diocese of Durham have adopted this policy, so too have we having been agreed and implemented across the whole Parish through the Parochial Church Council.

St Mary and St Cuthbert Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the 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.
- 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 Adviser (DSA) 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, maintaining and updating if needed to cover new groups or activity sessions.

St Mary and St Cuthbert Parish are committed to ensuring all procedures and policies are implemented effectively to adhere to

[Diocesan Safeguarding Policy For Adults, Children and Young People](#) (2018)

[Promoting a Safer Church: House of Bishops policy Statement](#) (2017)

[Responding well to domestic abuse practice Guidance](#) (2017)

[Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance](#) (2016)

Because of this, church members who are actively involved in working alongside children young people and vulnerable adults are required to undergo varying levels of safeguarding training and necessary checks.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our Parish 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.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.