

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

### St James's Church Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

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

We accept and endorse the principles set out in 'Safeguarding in the Diocese of London'.

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

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

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.

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

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.

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 vulnerable adult.

The PCC of this church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on 22 May 2019

Signed:



Vicar of St James's Church



Churchwarden of St James's Church

### Safeguarding Officer



**Jane Newman,**  
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.

You can contact her on: 020 8979 6154

### Children's Champion



**Lou Coaker,**  
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.

You can contact her on: 020 8979 2040

The following team members have completed safeguarding training: **Nick Bagge, Revd Jacky Cammidge, Jane Newman, Stuart Richardson, Linda Webb, Revd Derek Winterburn.**

The following people are our first aiders: **Alan Cammidge, Jacky Cammidge.**

### Important telephone numbers

Richmond Safeguarding Children's Board Single Point of Contact  
**020 8547 5008** (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) **020 8770 5000** (Out of Hours)

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: **020 7932 1224**  
Family Lives: **0808 800 222** (Previously Parentline)

CCPAS 24 hour helpline: **0845 120 4550**  
Childline: **0800 1111**