

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

As a church we are committed to ensuring that everyone is safe and feels safe. Our safeguarding policy has been approved by the PCC and provides an important resource for staff, leaders and volunteers. It helps us to be clear about our obligations and responsibilities and demonstrates our commitment to take safeguarding very seriously. Watchwords for us all are:-

DO

- **Be aware**
- **Listen to concerns raised**
- **Report concerns to the Parish Safeguarding Officer (Louise Whaites – 07305 449227) or the Vicar (Steve Kelly – 01604 627680)**

DON'T

- **Ever be on your own with a child or vulnerable adult**
- **Ask questions, except to clarify**
- **Ignore concerns or warning signs**
- **Promise confidentiality**

Refer to page 5-6 of the Safeguarding Policy in the case of any child or adult who is deemed to be at risk of harm or who has been harmed.

Refer to page 7 of the Policy for contact details.

Refer to page 8 of the Policy for parish responsibilities.

Refer to page 9 of the Policy for the specifics of **safer practice with children and visiting vulnerable adults in the home.**

Refer to page 10 of the Policy for guidelines on engaging with young people on social media. This covers emails, mobile phones and Facebook.

(Our full Safeguarding Policy is on the 'Home Page' of our website and may be accessed via the 'Safeguarding' button in the bottom right corner of the webpage. Everyone should read it.)



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