

Policy for Safeguarding Children 2023

Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Albury in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans.

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 25 July 2023

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and accepting the Church of England Policy Protecting All God’s Children (4th edition 2010) and to be responsive to local parish requirements.
- We will review and endorse the safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church’s contacts with children and young people and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This Parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice Guidance: Safer Recruitment (July 2016).

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Children Co-ordinator

Elizabeth Davis Tel. 01279 771527 email. lizdavis@btinternet.com

Signed Incumbent

Church Warden

Policy to be reviewed by July 2024

**THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN,
APPENDIX TO SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND
SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR ADULTS WHEN THEY ARE VULNERABLE 2023**

We will display in church premises where children's activities take place, the contact details of the Safeguarding Co-ordinator together with the 'ChildLine' and 'Family Lives' (Parentline Plus) telephone numbers.

Useful Contact Numbers and Email Addresses

Rector: Stephen Bate 01279 842609, rectorhightrees@btinternet.com

Churchwarden: Vanessa Ripsher 01279 771205

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Davis, 01279 771527
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DBS Lead Recruiter: Fiona Forth 01279 842609, muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

DBS Deputy Lead Recruiter: Claire Uwins 07595 674241, claire.uwins@mac.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Jeremy Hirst 01727 818107 or 07867350886

Hertfordshire County Council Children's Social Care (for concerns about a child or to request support): 0300 1234043

Hertfordshire County Council Adult Social Care (for concerns about an adult or to request support): 0300 1234042

Hertfordshire Police: 0845 3300 222

Childline: 0800 1111

Family Lives (Formerly Parentline Plus): 0808 800 2222

Useful Websites

<http://www.churchofengland.org/media/37378/protectingallgodschildren.pdf>

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/safeguarding%20safer recruitment practice guidance 2016.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/safeguarding%20safer%20recruitment%20practice%20guidance%202016.pdf)

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/schools/safeguarding/>