

SAFEGUARDING

- St. Wilfrid's Church Mobberley takes its duty and obligation to protect all people extremely seriously.
- We have adopted the national Church of England's robust safeguarding procedures and guidelines.
- St. Wilfrid's Church is committed to responding to safeguarding concerns and supporting victims and survivors.



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OUR COMMITMENT



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In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy St. Wilfrid's 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.

REPORTING SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you or anyone you are in contact with would like to talk with someone independently please call the **Safe Spaces** helpline on **0300 303 1506** or email - **safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk**

Alternatively you may contact the **Diocesan Vulnerability & Safeguarding Officer** Pauline Butterfield on **01928 718834** or email **pauline.butterfield@chester.anglican.org**

If the matter is urgent and a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk call the police or Cheshire East Council. Do not delay.

Police	999
Cheshire East Children's Services	0300 1235012 / Out of Hours 0300 1235022
Cheshire East Adult Services	0300 1235010 / Out of Hours 0300 1235022

FINDING SUPPORT



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We understand reporting concerns or experiences may be very difficult and distressing for you and it may add to your hurt by our not being able to immediately assist you. Below are contact details of other national, independent, agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services

- **NSPCC** : 0808 800 5000 (24-hour)
- **Child-Line** : 0800 1111 (24-hour)
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline** : 0808 2000 247 (24-hour)
- **Samaritans** : 116 123 (24-hour)
- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline** : 08088088141 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm)

Parish Good Practice Guidelines



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At St. Wilfrid's we believe that Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole Church community and not just those working with children or vulnerable adults.

A copy of the **Parish Safeguarding Handbook**, **The Parish Safeguarding Policy**, the **Critical Contacts List**, and St. Wilfrid's **Good Practice Guideline for Working with Children** are all on display or available for inspection in church. This document and the Parish Safeguarding Policy are also on the church website along with links to critical contacts.

All at St. Wilfrid's who work with children are issued the **Good Practice Guideline for Working with Children**.

Photography



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We will attempt to ensure that we have parental/carer's consent for images to be taken of children, young people and or vulnerable adults involved in church activities or events before the event or activity takes place. However at a large event , such as a Nativity or crib service, it is largely impracticable to ask all parents or carers present to sign a consent form. Therefore it will be indicated before the event or activity takes place that photography or video recording will or may occur so that any parent or carer who does not wish the relevant child young person or vulnerable adult to be photographed, the subject of video recording or to be recognisable, can advise the organiser accordingly.

Wherever possible we will focus on the activity rather than the individual and will ensure that all featured in the photograph are appropriately dressed.

Photographs or video recordings of children young people or vulnerable adults taking part in church activities or events will not be used or stored in official publications or church social media/websites or displays without the written consent of the relevant parent or carer.

Photography (Cont.)



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We insist that photographs and video recordings of children young people or vulnerable adults taking part in church activities or events are not posted or shared on social media.

We ask that all concerns regarding inappropriate behaviour relating to use of images in church activities or events or material received through social media or electronic means, or intrusive photography or video recording be dealt with by saving and downloading to hard copy any relevant material and immediately showing or reporting the same to the Rector or the PVSO.

Parish Contacts



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If there are any Safeguarding issues you would like to discuss with St. Wilfrid's church then please contact -

The Rector

Rev. Canon Ian Blay

01565 873218 / ianblay@btinternet.com

The Parish Vulnerability & Safeguarding Officer (PVSO)

Mr. Tim Mort

safeguardingcoord@btinternet.com

St. Wilfrid's are not able to offer either an emergency or 24-hour response.