

We take safeguarding very seriously here in the Parish of St Mary the Virgin, Willingdon. Find out more about our policy, procedures and practices below:

As a Church, we are committed to:

- Providing a safe, caring environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults
- Protecting their rights
- Protecting them from harm

Download the Safeguarding Policy Summary on safeguarding children and adults within our Parish. ([Download](#))

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact:
Sue Walsh (Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator) on 01323 423410 or
Fr Kevin Agnew (Vicar) on 01323 502079 or
Parish Office: 01323 501763

Our policy and practice is based on the model guidance provided by the Church of England Safeguarding policy and can be seen at www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-adults.aspx

Another useful site is: safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org which provides information on safeguarding.

We work in close co-operation and under supervision by the Diocese of Chichester. Thirtyone:eight (formerly known as CCPAS) supervise our Disclosure and Barring Service on people who may wish to work with children or vulnerable adults.

Our Policy and Procedures are available to be seen in the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Parents and carers, the safety of your child/children is very important to us.

The Safeguarding Co-ordinator for both Children and Vulnerable Adults is Sue Walsh and she can be contacted on 01323 423410 or you can contact Fr Kevin Agnew, the Vicar, on 01323 502079. They will be happy to discuss with you our policies and procedures for ensuring the safety of our young people and children. Any concerns regarding the welfare and safety of any child or young person whilst in the church's care must be reported as soon as possible to one of the above.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Sue Walsh or Fr Kevin will be happy to discuss with you our policies and procedures for ensuring the safety of vulnerable adults. Any concerns that arise during visiting, pastoral ministry or prayer ministry must be reported as soon as possible to one of the above.

Under no circumstances should a church worker or volunteer or member of the public carry out their own investigations into the allegation or suspicion of abuse. Training sessions are held regularly to ensure all workers with our children, young people and vulnerable adults are familiar with the procedures and understand the importance of working to best practice at all times.

CONTACT DETAILS

Sue Walsh, Safeguarding Co-ordinator: 01323 423410
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Fr Kevin Agnew, Vicar: 01323 502079
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East Sussex Children's Services: Single Point of Advice Team:
Weekdays: 01323 464222

Out of hours: 01273 335905
01273 335906

East Sussex Adult Social Care: 0345 6080191
8am to 8pm, 7 days a week, including
bank holidays

Colin Perkins 01273 425792
Chichester Diocese Safeguarding Officer Mob: 07500771210

Thirtyone:eight 0303 003 111
(formerly known as CCPAS)

USEFUL WEBSITES

Childline: www.childline.org.uk or 0800 1111

A free, private and confidential service for advice and help on bullying, abuse and safety.

For Me: the Childline App that puts Childline in your pocket. It has been designed by young people, for young people. You can talk to Childline whenever you need to.

Kidscape: www.kidscape.org.uk

Their mission is to provide children, families, carers or professionals with advice, training and practical tools to prevent bullying and protect young lives.

If you are faced with an emergency regarding children or vulnerable adults, then ring 999.