

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:  
Melissa Green (Parish Safeguarding Officer) on 07815691887 or  
Fr Adam Ransom (Priest-in-Charge) 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/clergy-office-holders/safeguarding-children-vulnerable-adults.aspx)

Another useful site is: [safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org](http://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org) which provides information on safeguarding.

We work in close co-operation and under supervision by the Diocese of Chichester. 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 Melissa Green and she can be contacted on 0781591887 or you can contact Fr Adam Ransom, the Priest-in-Charge, 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**

Melissa Green or Fr Adam 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**

**Melissa Green**, Safeguarding Co-ordinator: 07815691887

**Fr Adam Ransom**, Priest-in-Charge: 01323 502079  
fradamransom@beneficeofhampdenpark.co.uk

**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

**Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service  
(CCPAS)** 0845 1204550

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

**Childline:** [www.childline.org.uk](http://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](http://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.