

# **The Parish of St Nicholas, Hurst in the Benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford with Hurst**

Church Hill, Hurst, RG10 0SN

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## **Safeguarding Policy**

The following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

1. We are committed to:
  - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with all children and all adults.
  - The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
  - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.
4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
6. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
7. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
8. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.
10. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

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**Other useful phone numbers:**

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Family Lives: 0808 800 2222

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

Signed:

Vicar S. Payne Date 27th March 2021  
Churchwarden

Safeguarding Officer [Signature] Date 24th March 2021

Churchwarden A Howard Date 26th March 2021  
Vicar

A copy of this form to be returned to: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1GF

Based upon Diocese of Oxford Model Safeguarding Policy as revised October 2014

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