

The Parish of Chigwell & Chigwell Row

Safeguarding Policy – Promoting a Safer Church

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Chigwell & Chigwell Row takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

This Safeguarding Statement applies to all who make up the church 'workforce' which includes all clergy, holders of Bishop's licence or permission, those commissioned or authorised by the Bishop, those, paid or unpaid, who hold positions of responsibility in a parish and work with children or vulnerable adults, and those with representational parish ministry, for example; churchwarden, organist, server & choir members

For the purposes of this document the term 'Parish' is used to denote the PCC and Incumbent who are together responsible for ensuring that diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures are implemented.

For the purposes of this document a child is anyone under the age of eighteen years.

Policy

The following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 6th February 2019.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our Church 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.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this Church.

St Mary’s Church appoints Mr John Powell & Mrs Sharon Powell as the Parish Safeguarding Officers.

Incumbent Churchwardens.....

Contact Details:

Mr John Powell	020 8508 2908	johnpowell56@gmail.com
Mrs Sharon Powell	020 8508 2908	sharonpowell39@btinternet.com

The most important point to bear in mind is, if in doubt about any safeguarding matter contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DST) whose job it is to offer advice, guidance and support in all situations in which a child or adult may be at risk. **Please note that in an emergency (particularly if somebody is in immediate risk or danger of harm) you should call 999 and ask for the Police.** Out of hours, this number will be answered by CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service):

01245 294444

Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR)

Name: Rev’d Ben King
 Contact Details: (Phone & Email): 020 8500 4608 / kingbw2001@yahoo.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Contact Details: 01245 294444 (24*7) or email: safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org

Safeguarding contact details for Essex County Council

Children’s Services: 0845 603 7634 (out of hours: 0845 606 1212)

Adult Services: 0845 603 7634 (out of hours: 0845 606 1212)

National Helplines

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC: 0808 500 8000

Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 200 0247

MACSAS (Ministers and clergy sexual abuse survivors): www.macsas.org.uk

Mencap Learning Disability Helpline: 0808 808 1111

VOICE UK (For people with learning disabilities who have experienced crime or abuse): 0808 802 8686

StopItNow! (For anyone who may need help preventing abuse, even in themselves): 0808 100 0900

Women’s Aid (Seeking to end domestic violence against women and girls): 24hr national domestic violence helpline: 0808 2000 247 www.womesaid.org.uk

Samaritans: 08457 909090 jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org