

PCC SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

THE PARISH OF SS PHILIP & JAMES, WHITTON

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm

- We accept and endorse the principals of the House of Bishops' Policy for safeguarding children (*Protecting All God's Children, 2010*) and safeguarding adults in the Church of England (*Promoting a Safe Church, 2006*).
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in a paid or voluntary position with children or adults at risk, including the use of Criminal Records disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Independent Safeguarding Authority
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of the church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.

The Parochial Church Council (the PCC) agreed and adopted the above policy at its meeting on XXX

We have appointed XXX as our Church Safeguarding Officer and XXX as our Children's Champion

Copies of the parish's Safeguarding Young People policy and Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy are available on the parish website (<http://www.whittonchurch.com/safeguarding>)

The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place in XXX 2019

Signed

Vicar _____

Churchwarden _____

Churchwarden _____

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Safeguarding Contact Details for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

Children Services

020 8547 5008 *from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday*

020 8770 5000 *out of hours*

Adult Services

020 8891 7971 *from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday*

020 8744 2442 *out of hours*

National Helplines

Childline

0800 1111

NSPCC

0808 200 0247

Domestic Violence Helpline

0808 808 1111

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)

www.womensaid.org.uk

Samaritans

08457 909090