

Policy for Safeguarding Children 2019

Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Watford in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 15th May 2019

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and accepting the Church of England Policy Promoting a Safer Church and to be responsive to local parish requirements.
- We will review and endorse the safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This Parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice Guidance: Safer Recruitment (July 2016).

TO REPORT A CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A CHILD, CONTACT THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR AS BELOW, or THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, or HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. If there is immediate danger, ring 999

Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator	Mrs Marcella Browne
Tel. 01923 440877	email alafia@live.co.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Officers:	Jeremy Hirst
01727 818107/07867 350886	safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org
Martyn Hedley	
01727 818106/07391 010033	safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org
Childline	
0800 1111	www.childline.org.uk

Hertfordshire County Council

If you are being abused, or want to report concerns of abuse:

Children: 0300 123 4043

Vulnerable Adults: 0300 123 4043

Signed Incumbent

Church Warden