



Devizes St John & St Mary



**Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Church**

This statement was adopted by The Parish of Devizes, St John with St Mary at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will be required to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mr Jerry King as its Parish Safeguarding Representative.

Incumbent .....The Revd Canon Paul Richardson .....

Churchwarden .....Mike McClelland.....

Churchwarden .....Peter Croft.....

Date .30/05/18.....

<p>Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is:</p> <p><b>Mr Jerry King</b>  <b>Wick Corner, Pans Lane,</b>  <b>Devizes SN10 5AP</b></p> <p><b>Tel. 01380 723830 /</b>  <b>07907 951855</b></p>
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# If you need advice

## **Parish Safeguarding Representative**

**Mr Jerry King:** 01380 723830 / 07907 951855 KingDevizes@aol.com

## **The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**

**Mrs Heather Bland:** 01722 411922 Heather.Bland@salisbury.anglican.org

- Based at Church House, Salisbury
- Works 9am-5pm Mon/ Tue/ Wed; and 9am-1pm Thu
- Available for urgent safeguarding discussions 7 days a week, 7am-10pm, on 07500 664800
- Administrative Assistant: Adrian Smale 01722 411922

**If you need to contact someone other than the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, see below.**

## Useful numbers

**Adult Social Care Wiltshire:** 0300 456 0111 *Out of hours: 0845 607 0888*

### **Children's Services**

**Wiltshire Children's Services Social Care – East** 01380 826250

**Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub:** 0300 4560108 *Out of hours: 0845 6070 888*

Or if there is immediate danger, phone the police or emergency services on 999

### **Children & Young Persons**

**CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service):** 0303 003 11 11

**NSPCC:** Help for adults concerned about a child. 0808 800 5000

**Childline:** Help for children and young people 0800 1111

### **Domestic Abuse**

**National Centre for Domestic Violence** (24 hrs): Helps survivors of domestic violence obtain protection against an abuser 0844 8044 999

**Men's Advice Line:** 0808 801 0327 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

**Wiltshire:** 01225 775276 (Splitz)

**Women's Aid:** 0808 2000 247 (24 hrs)

**Stop it Now!** Worries about thoughts or behaviour towards children

0808 1000 900 9am - 9pm Mon – Thur, 9am - 5pm Fri

### **Police**

**Tel. 101** *Ring 999 ONLY if concern is about immediate risk to life and limb*

### **Adults who may be at risk of abuse**

**Age UK** formerly Age Concern 0800 1696565

**Elder Abuse:** 0808 8088 141 (Action on Elder Abuse)

**Mencap:** 0808 808 1111 8am – 6pm Mon-Fri

**Mind:** 0300 123 3393 or text 86463 9am – 6pm Mon-Fri

**Silverline:** helpline for older people (24h) 0800 4708090