



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 4th May 2016

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 agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mr Jerry King as the parish safeguarding officer to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent

Churchwarden

Churchwarden

Date

<p>Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is:</p> <p>Mr Jerry King Wick Corner", Pans Lane, Devizes SN10 5AP</p> <p>Tel. 01380 723830</p>

If you need advice

Parish Safeguarding Representative

Mr Jerry King: 01380 723830

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 Thu morning; each week
- Available for urgent safeguarding discussions 7 days a week, 7am-10pm, on 07500 664800

If you need to contact someone other than Heather Bland, see below.

Useful numbers

If you need to contact someone other than Heather Bland, see below.

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

Children's Services

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

Children & Young Persons

CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service): 0845 120 45 50 or 01322 517817

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

Childline: 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse

National Centre for Domestic Violence (24 hrs): 0844 8044 999

Men's Advice: 0808 801 0327

Wiltshire: 01225 775276 (Splitz)

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

Stop it Now! 0808 1000 900

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: 0800 1696565

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

Mencap: 0808 808 1111

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Silverline: 0800 4708090