



Devizes ST John & ST Mary

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

SAFEGUARDING POLICY PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 16 March 2022

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.

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

Incumbent [Signature]

Churchwarden Jane Sum

Churchwarden [Signature]

Date 16th March 2022

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is:

Mr Jerry King
Wick Corner, Pans Lane,
Devizes SN10 5AP

Tel. 01380 723830 /
07907 951855

If you need advice

Parish Safeguarding Officer

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

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers (job share)

First points of contact outside the parish for urgent safeguarding advice. Based at Church House, Salisbury

Suzy Fitcher (Team Leader): Mon & Tues 9am – 9pm, Wed 9am - noon

- 07500 664800 Suzy.Fitcher@salisbury.anglican.org

Mr Jeremy (Jem) Carter: Wed noon – 9pm, Thu 9am – 9pm, Fri 9am – 5pm

- 07469 857888 jem.carter@salisbury.anglican.org

Weekends Fri 5pm to Mon 8am external service provider 'thirtyone:eight' (formerly CCPAS)

- 0303 003 1111

Other useful numbers

Adult Social Care Wiltshire: Mon – Thur 8.30 – 5.20, Fri 8.30 – 4.20 0300 456 0111

Out of hours: 0845 607 0888

Children's Services

Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: Mon-Fri 8.45 – 5.00, Fri 8.45 – 4.00: 0300 4560108

Out of hours: 0300 456 0100

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

Children & Young Persons

Service provider 'thirtyone:eight' (formerly CCPAS): 0303 0031111 24hrs

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): 0800 970 2070

Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327

Wiltshire: 01225 775276 (Splitz)

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

Stop it Now! (Sexual abuse) 0808 1000 900 or live chat www.stopitnow.org.uk/

Police

Tel. 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response

Ring 999 ONLY if concern is about immediate risk to life and limb

Adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect

Adult Social Care – Wiltshire 0300 456 0111, out of hours: 0845 607 0888

Age UK Wiltshire formerly Age Concern 01380 727767 10am - 3pm Mon – Fri

Independent Age – neglect or mistreatment 0800 319 6789

Elder Abuse: 0800 0699 784 (Action on Elder Abuse)

Mencap: 0808 808 1111

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Wiltshire Mind 01225 706532

Silverline: 0800 4708 090