

The Parish of Sunderland St Chad
SAFEGUARDING POLICY
PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 27 March 2019.

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 Janet Pearson as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent .. Jeremy Chadd

ChurchwardensJanet Pearson and Lilian Holmes

Date: 27 March 2019

Safeguarding

On this page you find details about safeguarding. Safeguarding is how we hope to protect vulnerable people of any age from harm. Please click on the links to find out how we protect people and who to contact if you have a concern that someone is coming to harm or is being abused.

If you suspect that a person(s) is in immediate danger please ring 999 or 101

For more information or to raise a concern please follow the links below:

Our Safeguarding Officer is Janet Pearson, 50 Kirkside, New Herrington, DH4 5QR 0191 584 5589

Durham Diocese safeguarding policy and the contact details for the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. [click here](#)

Our Parish Safeguarding Statement

Sunderland Council Social Services

Adult 0191 520 5552.
Children 0191 520 5560

Other useful contacts:

NSPCC - For adults concerned about a child 0808 800 5000
ChildLine - For children and young people on 0800 1111
Action on Elder Abuse Helpline - 0808 808 8141
24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247
NAPAC – Offer support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 801 0331
Stop It Now – Preventing child sexual abuse 0808 1000 900
Cruse – Bereavement helpline 0808 808 1677