



PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of St Saviour's, Upper Sunbury

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of humankind in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We accept and endorse the principles set out in '[Safeguarding in the Diocese of London](#)'.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community and provide updates at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children, young people or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond within 24 hours to concerns or allegations that a child, young person or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- Where a cause for concern is raised regarding serious mental health issues, follow up will be initiated by the safeguarding office (where not undertaken by the ministry lead), initially by text to see whether prayer/support would be helpful. Where this is welcome, the safeguarding officer will refer the person to the vicar in the first instance. If no response is received, the safeguarding officer will call 101 to initiate a welfare check.

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on 8 July 2024.

Churchwardens: Geraint Owen & Guy Trevithick - wardens@stsavs.org.uk

Our safeguarding officers are the first people to contact if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk. If there is immediate risk, please contact the police on 999.

St Saviour's Safeguarding Officers: Lisa Cook & Steve Banks-Smith - safe@stsavs.org.uk

Children's Champion: Claudia Aimer, Kids & Youth Pastor - claudia.aimer@stsavs.org

Young People's Champion: Sonia Stead, Senior Youth Pastor - sonia.stead@stsavs.org

Vulnerable Adults' Champion: Donna Mason, Social Transformation Pastor - donna.mason@stsavs.org

Disability Champion: Lynnette Peckett – Lynnette.peckett@stsavs.org

If you would prefer to speak to someone outside the church:

London Diocese Safeguarding Officer: Caryn Weber - [020 3837 5086](tel:02038375086) - caryn.weber@london.anglican.org

NSPCC **0808 800 5000**
National Domestic Violence Helpline for Women & Men
0808 2000 247

Stop It Now **0808 1000 900**
Family Lives **0808 800 2222**
Action on Elder Abuse **0800 0699 78**