



## **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.
- 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.

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on 10 July 2023.

**Churchwardens:** Geraint Owen & Guy Trevithick - [wardens@stsavs.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:safe@stsavs.org.uk)

**Children's Champion:** Claudia Aimer, Kids & Youth Pastor - [claudia.aimer@stsavs.org](mailto:claudia.aimer@stsavs.org)

**Young People's Champion:** Sonia Stead, Senior Youth Pastor - [sonia.stead@stsavs.org](mailto:sonia.stead@stsavs.org)

**Vulnerable Adults' Champion:** Donna Mason, Social Transformation Pastor - [donna.mason@stsavs.org](mailto:donna.mason@stsavs.org)

**Disability Champion:** Lynnette Peckett – [Lynnette.peckett@stsavs.org](mailto:Lynnette.peckett@stsavs.org)

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

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