

**Safeguarding Policy Statement**

**The Parish of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate  
SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2022**

**The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 24 May 2022:**

In accordance with the **House of Bishops' Policy Statements 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017)** and **'Protecting All God's Children' 4<sup>th</sup> edition (2010)** and the **Diocesan Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Diocese' (2018)** 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 Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) 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.**

**The Council has appointed Ms Chris Watkins as the Church Safeguarding Officer.**

She can be contacted via [church@botolph.org.uk](mailto:church@botolph.org.uk).



**Fr David Armstrong, Rector, 24 May 2022**

*This policy will next be due for renewal at the PCC meeting following the APCM in 2023*