

## St Saviour's Safeguarding Policy Statement 2024

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at St Saviour's because we believe that every person is a precious child of God and it is to Him that we are accountable for our stewardship of His people. It is, therefore, of primary importance to us that St Saviour's is a place of safety for all - but particularly for the many children, young people and vulnerable adults that we welcome on a weekly basis. The PCC is committed to building a safe culture by combining good relationships and communication at all levels, clear safeguarding accountability and professional curiosity, with rigorous safeguarding policies as required by the House of Bishops. As a church family we want everyone, child and adult, to feel, and to know, that they are safe as they take part in the life of the church.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone in the church. We are all committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

St Saviour's PCC has adopted the Church of England Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church', the safeguarding policy for children, young people and adults which can be found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf> More detail is set out in the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook which can be seen at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

The PCC adopt this policy annually and the adoption statement can be viewed at <https://st-saviours.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/parish-statement-of-adoption-2023.pdf>

St Saviour's has its own practical safeguarding guide (based on the Church of England Policy) which sets out how these policies are implemented within our church setting. Hard copies of the policy are given to all employed and volunteer team but it can also be viewed at <https://st-saviours.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Safeguarding-Policy-ed-Apr-23-nop2.pdf>

St Saviour's also follows the Church of England's Safer Recruitment policy and a link to all relevant documentation and forms can be found on the church website. **HERE. {Link to be added when all documentation is uploaded and finalised}** All applicants for employed or voluntary roles are subject to relevant pre appointment checks including a satisfactory enhanced DBS check and are required to ensure their safeguarding training is up to date.

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