

## St John's Church, Friern Barnet Parish

### Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

St John's Church, Friern Barnet has adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church (2017) safeguarding policy statement'. This was formally endorsed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. At St John's we affirm the following policy and principles:

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

- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or adults at risk.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.
- 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 adult at risk.

Rector: *Fr Paul Walmsley-McLeod*

Churchwarden: *Helen Edwards*

Churchwarden: *Elvin Formosa*

*Please also refer to the National Church's **Safeguarding Policies and Parish Safeguarding Handbook** for more information.*

#### Safeguarding Officers

#### Children's Champion



**Alex Fuller**  
**Church Junior Safeguarding Officer**

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child.  
**You can contact them on: 07584 250796**



**Lisa Coletta**  
**Children's Champion**

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.  
**You can contact them on: 07572 385681**



**Vicky Powell**  
**Church Adult Safeguarding Officer**

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a vulnerable adult.  
**You can contact them on: 07929 348229**



We are proud to be members of the Children's Charter.

The following team members have completed safeguarding training: **Alexandra Fuller**

## Safeguarding Contacts

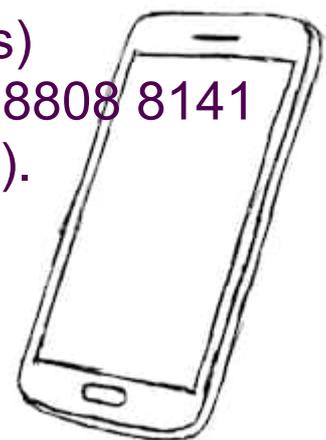


### Diocesan contacts

- Diocesan Safeguarding Helpline 020 7932 1224  
Or email [safeguarding@london.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@london.anglican.org)
- London Diocesan House, 36 Causton Street,  
London SW1P 4AU

### National Contacts

- CCPAS (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) 0845 120 4550
- Child Line 0800 1111
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000 (24hrs)
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24hrs)
- Samaritans Helpline: 116 123 (24hrs)
- Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141  
(free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).



### Local contacts for Barnet

- 020 8359 5000 (Social Care Direct)
- 020 8359 4066 (MASH)
- 07500 783172 (emergency)



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