

ST JOHN & ST LUKE

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CLAY HILL

PCC of St John & St Luke, Clay Hill

Registered Charity number 1151418

Safeguarding Policy Statement

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This document sets out the policy of the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill, (PCC) regarding Safeguarding

1. In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) and 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Diocese' (v8 November 2023) our PCC 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 our churches.
- 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.

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2. The PCC will:
 - Create a safe and caring place for all.
 - Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) 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 all those with any responsibility for children, young people and vulnerable adults with have undergone a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
 - Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the PCC.
 - 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 community of our churches 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.
3. Each person who works within the community of our churches will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this PCC.
4. The PCC appoints Cheryl Graham as the Parish Safeguarding Officer for our parish of St John and St Luke, Clay Hill.