

St Peter's Church, Aylesbury

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Parish of Aylesbury



Safeguarding Policy

The following policy was agreed at the DCC meeting held on January 24th, 2024.

1. We are committed to:
 - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults
 - The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
 - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
- 2 We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
- 3 We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.
- 4 We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- 5 We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- 6 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.
- 7 In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
- 8 We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
- 9 We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.
- 10 We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Our Safeguarding Officer(s) role is currently vacant. Acting Safeguarding Officer:

Name: Rev. Pete Wheeler

Email: safeguarding@stpa.life

Signed:

_____ (Vicar)

_____ (Churchwarden)

Date:

A Copy of this form should be sent to:

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey Lane, Oxford OX2 0NB