

PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

The Parish of St Dunstan, Feltham
SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2021

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 24th November

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*' (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.

This church appoints **Gill Welland** as the Church Safeguarding Officer

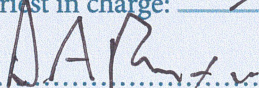
Signed: Vicar/Rector/Priest in charge: _____



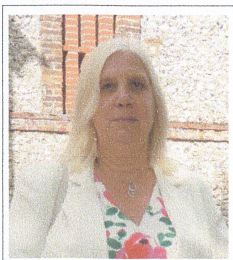
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Gill Welland,
Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult at risk.

You can contact her on:
gill.welland@talktalk.net



Ruth Stevens,
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 her on:
ruthstevens999@hotmail.com

Important phone numbers:

Gill Welland: 07752 132858
 NSPCC 24 hour helpline: 0808 800 5000
 Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: 020 7932 1224
 Email: safeguarding@london.anglican.org
 Web: www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding/
 CCPAS 24 hour helpline: 0303 003 1111
 Family Lives: (Previously Parentline): 0808 800 222

Important phone numbers:

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
 Hounslow Council Children's Services: 020 8583 6600
 Hounslow Council Adults Services: 020 8583 3100
 Hounslow Council out of hours: 020 8583 2222
 St Dunstan's Parish Office: 020 8890 2011
 Childline: 0800 1111