



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Safeguarding Policy

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The following statement of principles appears at the head of each safeguarding policy:

We are committed to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse.

To this end:

- We will carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with the principles of Safer Recruitment. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that any adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abused, including their feelings of alienation and / or isolation.
- We will seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of our Church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult who is vulnerable.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

This policy was reviewed and agreed at a PCC meeting on 17.3.23

This policy will be reviewed annually or earlier if any of the guidance is changed.

Next review date is March 2024

Contact Details

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Local Authority Safeguarding <i>Children: 01375 652802</i> <i>Adults: 01375 511000</i> <i>Out of hours</i> <i>emergency contact: 01375 372468</i>	Chelmsford Diocese Safeguarding Team <i>safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org</i> <i>If you have a safeguarding concern/allegation/disclosure please call the Duty Number (01245 294444). If we cannot answer your call straight away, please leave an answerphone message with your name and phone number so that we can call you back.</i>

- The **NSPCC**: 0808 800 5000 (*between 8:00AM and 10:00PM on weekdays and between 9:00AM and 6:00PM on weekends*) or at help@nspcc.org.uk. You can also report a concern online.
- The Essex Police Child Abuse Hotline: 01245 452058 (*between 8:00AM and 4:00PM on weekdays*)
- Childline: 0800 1111 or visit childline.org.uk/get-support.
- The Samaritans: 116 123 or visit samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan.

Remember: If you think someone is in immediate danger or risk of harm, phone the Police immediately on 999.

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