

SAFEGUARDING

“Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith; We are all made unique and in the image of God”

“ ‘Safeguarding’ means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture in all our churches.... We will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults. We will work to prevent abuse from occurring. We will seek to protect those who are at risk of being abused and respond well to those who have been abused. We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others, and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks

The Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all.....So we must practice fully and positively a ministry to all children, young people and adults, and respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to keep them safe from harm”

(Archbishop Justin Welby, 2018)

OUR SAFEGUARDING POLICY

St Denys Church takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people and adults who may be at risk very seriously, and work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury.

The Parochial Church Council has formally adopted the Church of England’s House of Bishops’ **‘Promoting a Safer Church’ Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and adults** and this can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf>

To ensure best practice at all times the Parochial Church Council has resolved to implement the practice guidance set out in the House of Bishops’ **“Parish Safeguarding Handbook”** .

If you have any safeguarding questions or concerns you can contact our Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officer, Philip Short on 01985 213224 or 07906 067155 email sylviaandphilip@virginmedia.com Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Heather Bland on 07500 664800 or email heather.bland@salisbury.anglican.org

In an emergency where there is a danger to life or limb call the **Police on 999**

Other Helplines

Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for children 0300 456 0108 Out of hours 0845 607 0888

Wiltshire Adult Social Care 0300 456 0111 Out of hours 0845 607 0888

NSPCC for adults concerned about a child 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline 0800 1111

Action on Elder Abuse helpline 0808 808 8141 www.elderabuse.org.uk

24-hour National Domestic Violence helpline 0808 2000 247

Stop It Now helps prevent child sexual abuse **0808 2000 247** www.stopitnow.org.uk

Cruse bereavement helpline 0808 808 1677

Family Lives provides support and advice on family issues **0808 800 222**

Samaritans for people struggling to cope and needing someone to talk to **116123**

PASTORAL HELP AND SUPPORT

Anyone might find themselves in need at some stage in their life. Pastoral help or support can take many forms. The Clergy team at St Denys provide pastoral support or may assist in finding other support if needed. Details of our Clergy team can be found on our Contact page.