

Safeguarding the Young and Vulnerable

Parish Safeguarding Policy

The Parish of Ripley (St Mary Magdalen) is committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults within our church community.

We are also committed to the implementation of the Diocese of Guildford Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. We have adopted the Church of England's House of Bishops' Promoting a Safer Church Safeguarding Policy Statement. Click here for details: <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/policy-practice-guidance>

Click [here](#) to read the Church of England's Policy Statement "Promoting a safer church":

Click [here](#) to read the House of Bishops Parish Safeguarding Handbook.

Are you a survivor or victim of church related abuse? If so, click [here](#).

Every year the PCC will agree the Parish Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy Statement, displaying a copy in the Church and Church Rooms.

Jamie Hogg is our Parish Safeguarding Officer, who has been appointed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and is responsible on behalf of the Incumbent and PCC for implementing the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

The Safeguarding Officer, alongside the PCC ensures that everyone who works for the Church in a voluntary or paid capacity has undergone the necessary checks, completes relevant and on-going training and ensures the Safeguarding policy is implemented.

Specifically, everyone who works with the under 18s and vulnerable adults has undergone a recruitment process and Enhanced DBS clearance check.

The Parish will:



Create a safe, nurturing, and caring environment for all.



Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) who works alongside the incumbent and the PCC to implement safeguarding policy and procedures.

- ◆ Ensure all working (in a paid or voluntary capacity) with children, young people or vulnerable adults have access to and undertake relevant training, ensuring that they are equipped with the necessary skills and confidence to recognise abuse and respond to it.
- ◆ Ensure there is appropriate insurance cover for all church activities involving children and adults.
- ◆ Display on the Church website, in the Church and Church Rooms the Contact details to report safeguarding concerns.
- ◆ Take the necessary steps to protect children and adults if a safeguarding concern is raised. Reporting immediately to the Diocese Safeguarding Advisor and statutory agencies.
- ◆ Provide support to victims / survivors of abuse.
- ◆ Ensure Risk assessments are in place for all church activities and that these are reviewed annually or more frequently as deemed necessary.
- ◆ Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.
- ◆ Raise awareness amongst the congregation that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Reporting a Safeguarding Concern:

If you are concerned that a child or adult is or may be at risk of abuse this should be reported immediately (within 24 hours) to the Church safeguarding Officer, Church Wardens, or the Vicar.

If it is a non-emergency situation (i.e., the child or person is not in immediate danger) you can report this either in person to the Safeguarding officer or by telephone, and they will contact the Diocese Safeguarding Officer and ensure that we will respond appropriately.

If you believe the child or adult is in immediate danger of significant harm.

Call 999 before reporting it to the Safeguarding Officer.

Contact details:

Jamie Hogg (Parish Safeguarding Officer) safeguarding@ripleychurch.org.uk

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (Case Management)

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REMEMBER SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**Helplines:**

NSPCC for adults concerned about a child – 0808 800 5000

Childline for children and young people – 0800 1111

Action on Elder Abuse helpline – 0808 808 8141

24-hour National Domestic Violence helpline – 0808 2000 247

NAPAC offers support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse
08088010331

Stop It Now helps prevent child sexual abuse – 0808 1000 900

Cruse bereavement helpline – 0808 808 1677

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

MACSAS for people who have been abused by church officers – 0808 801 0340

Samaritans for people struggling to cope and needing someone to talk to 116 123

Sources of support for victims and families of abuse:

The Survivors Trust – <http://thesurvivorstrust.org> Safeline –
www.safeline.org.uk/what-can-friends-and-family-members-do-to-support-survivors-of-sexual-abuse

Support Line – www.supportline.org.uk/problems/rape_sexual-assault.php Victim
Support – www.victimsupport.org.uk/crime-info/types-crime/ childhood-abuse

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