

Promoting a Safer Church

Parish Policy Statement

Parish of St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak

The Parochial Church Council of St. Mary's, Selly Oak have agreed to adopt all of the House of Bishop's safeguarding policy and practice guidance and The Church of England – Birmingham's procedures for their implementation on **Tuesday 26th January 2021**.

All forms of abuse are wrong and must stop

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church.

Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a safer Church for all.

Our commitments:

1. Promoting a safer environment and culture
2. Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
3. Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
4. Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
5. Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
6. Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others

We will implement good safeguarding practice by ensuring:

- the welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is paramount;
- a leadership commitment, at all levels, to the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- our safeguarding policy is available to all church officers;
- a clear line of accountability within our church for work on safeguarding;
- clear reporting procedures to deal with safeguarding concerns and allegations;
- we report all concerns and allegations against church officers to the Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser and statutory agencies;
- clear roles for church officers;
- we have clear arrangements for support and/or supervision of church officers;
- all church officers working with or in contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults attend diocesan safeguarding training;



Local Authority Children's Social Care Services:
0121 303 1888 (Birmingham)

Local Authority Adult Social Care Services:
0121 303 1234 (Birmingham)

Incumbent:

Churchwarden:

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Date: Tuesday 26th January 2021