



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ST. ANDREW, OLD WINDSOR.

"BEING WITH"
God, Each Other, and The Wider Community.
A Christian Community at the Heart of Old Windsor

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

1. We are committed to:
 - The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and vulnerable adults.
 - The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults who may be at risk of harm or in vulnerable situations.
 - The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and following the Church of England's safeguarding procedures and maintaining a clear reporting structure within the parish.
4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
6. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult, under appropriate supervision, accountability, and safeguarding agreements.
7. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.
8. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.
10. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.
11. We are committed to upholding the principles outlined in the Church of England's *Promoting a Safer Church* policy and any safeguarding practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops.
12. Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Our Safeguarding Officers: **Joanna Wattis and Joanna Butcher**

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Signed Parish Priest/Incumbent:

Churchwarden:

Churchwarden:

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Mr. A. Wood

Date: 5th April 2025.