

PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

St Michael & All Angels London Fields Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We accept and endorse the principles set out in *Safeguarding in the Diocese of London*.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- 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.

The PCC of St Michael & All Angels London Fields agreed and adopted the above Policy on 6 May 2015 and reviews it at least twice a year. We have appointed Dorian Stewart as our Church Safeguarding Officer, Samantha O'Loughlin as our Deputy Church Safeguarding Officer and Debra Jeffrey as our Children's Champion.

Safeguarding in the Diocese of London is available online at <https://www.london.anglican.org/support/safeguarding/safeguarding-policy/>. Copies of it and of this Policy are held by the Vicar, the Revd Daniel Gerrans.

Signed: The Revd Daniel Gerrans, Vicar
 Jimmy Asakes and Lily Ejeka, Churchwardens
 19 August 2018

Safeguarding Officer: Dorian Stewart



Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or adult at risk.

You can contact Dorian on:
 020 7241 3992 or 07854 980173

Children's Champion: Debra Jeffrey



Our Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.

You can contact Debra via:
 020 7249 2627 (*the parish landline*)

The following team members have completed safeguarding training: **Daniel Gerrans, Dorian Stewart, Samantha O'Loughlin, Sonia Skidmore**

The following people are our first aiders: **Janette Goss and Condaisy Tidman**

Important telephone numbers:

Annette Gordon, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224
 Thirtyone: eight (*previously CCPAS*) 24 hour helpline: 0303 003 1111

Family Lives (*previously Parentline*): 0808 800 222

Childline: 0800 1111

A list of other important telephone numbers is displayed in the church entrance, on the noticeboard behind you on the left as you enter the church.



We are proud to be members of the Children's Charter.