

St George's Church of England, Worthing

Policy Statement: Safeguarding



As members of the Parochial Church Council of St George's, Worthing we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members. To this end ...

- We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- We are committed to implementing all safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops including the "Church of England Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Guidance" and the "Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance".
- We will carefully select and train all those who work or volunteer in positions of trust. We will use the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.
- We will respond, without delay, to every concern made that a person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community.
- We will seek to ensure that anyone for whom we have pastoral responsibility who has suffered abuse is offered support that meets their needs.
- We will respond appropriately to those who have committed sexual offences who wish to join our fellowship, following House of Bishop's guidance and the advice of the Safeguarding Team.

We will review this policy at the first PCC meeting after our Annual Parochial Church Meeting and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service, are up to date.

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Officer:

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Signed on 13 May 2024 on behalf of the PCC:

Name/Signed: (John Brook, Vicar/Incumbent)

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A copy of this statement will be displayed in the church and a copy sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Approved by St George's PCC on 13 May 2024