

Promoting a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young
people & adults

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: Keith Mason
Role: Parish Safeguarding Officer
Contact: safeguarding@ccsurbiton.org

Name: TBC (appointment in process)
Role: Parish Safeguarding Officer
Contact: safeguarding@ccsurbiton.org

Name: Moira Murray
Role: Interim Diocesan Safeguarding Officer
Tel: 020 7939 9423
Email: moira.murray@southwark.anglican.org

Achieving for Children (Kingston Council)
Tel: 020 8547 5008 (office hours)
Tel: 020 8770 5000 (out of hours)

Christ Church Office
Tel: 020 8390 7215
Email: office@ccsurbiton.org

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101.**

OUR COMMITMENTS

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

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

Safeguarding at Christ Church

Jesus gave everyone status, time and respect. Jesus also showed himself to be compassionately on the side of those without power, reaching across social barriers with the inclusive love of God.

A Christian approach to safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults, as well as those in abusive relationships, therefore, asks both individuals and communities to create a safe environment for them, to act promptly on any complaints made, to care for those who have been abused in the past, and to minister appropriately to those who have abused.

The PCC at Christ Church, Surbiton Hill has adopted the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults '*Promoting a Safer Church*'. We also adhere to the procedures laid out in the Southwark Diocese document, '*A Safe Church*'. The PCC annually reviews its safeguarding policies, procedures and practices. You will find a hard copy of both of these documents in the church office. They are also available on our website (below).

We are in the process of appointing a second Parish Safeguarding Officer. Our current PSO is Keith Mason who can be contacted by emailing: safeguarding@ccsurbiton.org



Keith Mason & _____

Parish Safeguarding Officers

(Appointment of second PSO in process)

