

## Safeguarding Statement\* and Policy: Promoting a Safer Church

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Statement adopted by  
The House of Bishops in 2017\*\* **our church is committed to:**

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

### The Parish will:

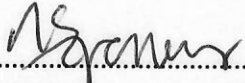
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| 1. Create a safe and caring place for all.  | 7. Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.   |
| 2. Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.  | 8. Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the DSA and statutory agencies immediately****. |
| 3. Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.   | 9. Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.  |
| 4. Ensure that any ex-offenders with offences against children or vulnerable adults known to be in the church community are notified to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser and contribute to managing Safeguarding Agreements*** | 10. Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.                  |
| 5. Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.  | 11. Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.  |
| 6. Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.  | 12. Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.   |

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

### Any of the following people should be contacted if you have a safeguarding concern:

Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Susan Rivett	07908 644600	<a href="mailto:susanrivett55@gmail.com">susanrivett55@gmail.com</a>
District Safeguarding Advisor:	Jez Hirst	07867 350886	<a href="mailto:safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org">safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org</a>
Team Vicar:	Alice Jolley	01442 615246	<a href="mailto:mthr.alicejolley@outlook.com">mthr.alicejolley@outlook.com</a>
Churchwardens:	Harry Graham-Brown	07918 071542	<a href="mailto:harry.gb63@gmail.com">harry.gb63@gmail.com</a>
	Sylvia Low	07742 610932	<a href="mailto:sylviaylow@gmail.com">sylviaylow@gmail.com</a>

This policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting in May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Team Vicar: Alice Jolley..........Date: 4 June 23

## **Adapted from Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Church of England 01.08.18 v1**

- \* From <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Key-Roles-and-Responsibilities-of-Church-Office-Holders-and-Bodies-Practice-Guidance-2017.pdf>
- \*\* From the House of Bishops 2017 document  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>
- \*\*\* from 'Key Roles and Responsibilities of Church Office Holders and Bodies Practice Guidance: House of Bishops Published October 2017'
- \*\*\*\* see p17 of the House of Bishops document 'Practice Guidance: Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations that relate to Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults' published Nov 2018.  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-11/Responding%20to%20Safeguarding%20Concerns%20or%20Allegations%20that%20relate%20to%20Children%2C%20Young%20People%20and%20Vulnerable%20Adults.pdf>