

St Benedict's Bennetts End, Benefice of Langelei
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 Officers:	Marina McKenna	07783173457	safeguardingapsley@gmail.com
Assistant PSO	Katharine Harper	07881 602024	
Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor:	Jez Hirst	07867 350886	safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org
Team Vicar:	Alice Jolley	01442 615246	mthr.alicejolley@outlook.com
Churchwardens:			

This policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting on 30th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Churchwarden: **Date:**.....

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Team Vicar:

Anne Jane Spence

Date:

30.6.25

For references and *** please see overleaf

Date 2025