



# St. Mary's, Preston on Stour Safeguarding Statement

As part of the Christian Church living in the spirit of the Gospel, we are committed to protect and care for everyone in the church community, but especially adults and children at risk.

## We are committed to:

- The care, the nurture and the respectful pastoral ministry of all children and adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children and adults.
- The establishing of a safe, caring Community which provides an environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse.

## To this end we will:

- Carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with the Church of England's *Practice Guidance for Safer Recruitment*.
- Respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- Seek to offer informed pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry that recognises the importance of understanding the needs of those who have been abused, including their feelings of alienation and/or isolation.
- Seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.
- Seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.
- Seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision, and referral to the appropriate authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or adult.

## In all of the above:

- We will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.
- We will monitor and regularly review our safeguarding procedures.

On 28th March 2019 the PCC adopted Promoting a Safer Church as its own Safeguarding Policy.

Signed: S. W. Fletcher

Please follow the link below to find the Promoting a Safer Church Policy in full:

[http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/images/document\\_library/UDR02228.pdf](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org/images/document_library/UDR02228.pdf)

## Local Contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Parish Safeguarding Officer:	Emma Nicklin	01789 459484 / 07952429154
Rector:	Reverend Stephen Fletcher	07714171143
Diocesan Safeguarding Team:	02476 521345 or email: <a href="mailto:safeguarding@covcofe.org">safeguarding@covcofe.org</a>	
Church Wardens:	Phil Grellier	01789 450644 / 07513404285
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Benefice Safeguarding Officer:	Andrew Trotman	01608 682036

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999**