

Safeguarding at St Mary's and St Laurence's

We take safeguarding very seriously and are committed to providing a safe and caring environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults, protecting their rights and protecting them from harm. Our full policies and procedures are available for all to see, please see the second page of this document. Regular training on safeguarding matters is provided and relevant DBS checks are undertaken as required. If you have any concerns about the welfare of someone, whatever age or are concerned about anything that happens within our Churches, please contact our Safeguarding Officer: Alison Evans on 01903 503905 or email alison.evansm3195064@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor: Colin Perkins on 01273 425792 / 07500 771210

If you think an Adult of Child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999

The Diocesan website contains more information:

www.chichester.anglican.org

Other Useful Contacts

- If you are a child and you need to talk to someone about things that are happening to you that you don't like, please click on [this link](#) which takes you the Childline website, or telephone Childline on 0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Kidscape: 020 7730 3300

- If you are an adult and you need to access support about something that is happening to you, please click on [this link](#) to find out how you can do that. Scroll down to find links to various support organisations for you to contact.

<https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/Ihavebeenabused/>

Care Point: 01243 642121

- If you need to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, please click on [this link](#). <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/contacttheteam/>
- If you need to report a safeguarding concern to the statutory authorities in Sussex, please click on [this link](#), click on the option on the left that most describes the situation you are concerned about, and follow the advice and further links you find there. Please remember to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team as well once you have contacted the statutory authorities. <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/whatdoidoif/>

Ecclesiastical Parish of Goring - By Sea.

As members of this PCC we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members.

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

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 annually 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.

This statement was signed on 13th March by Ian Hill (Church Warden), Alison Evans (Safeguarding Officer) and Father Keith Littlejohn (Vicar).