The Parish of All Saints, Hartford, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY
PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Monday 10th October 2026.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

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

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- 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.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where itoccurred.
- 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.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at leastannually.

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

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Mr Colin Jones is the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and he can be contacted at: safeguarding@allsaintshartford.org.uk

Telephone: 01480 412891

Incumbent:

The Rev. Geoffrey Boucher.

Churchwarden:

Mrs Sue Craven

Last updated: Monday 10th August 2026

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Safeguarding: reporting abuse and finding support

Information for anyone who has experienced abuse, is worried about someone's safety, or wants to understand how to raise a concern.

You will be listened to. You matter.

If you have experienced abuse, we are sorry this has happened to you. You deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion and respect. We will take your concerns seriously and will not blame you for what happened.

You do not have to be certain that abuse has occurred before asking for help. You can contact the Diocese of Ely, the police or another support organisation directly without first speaking to anyone at the church.

If someone is in immediate danger

Call 999. If it is not an emergency, you can contact the police on 101. Do not put yourself at risk or confront someone you suspect of abuse.

How to report a concern within the Church

Parish safeguarding contact:
Colin Jones
01480 412891
safegueard ing@allsaintshartford.org.uk

If you would rather not speak to someone at the parish, you can contact the Diocese of Ely directly.

Diocese of Ely Safeguarding Duty Messaging Service
01353 652747

Leave your name, telephone number and a brief explanation of your concern. The team will call you back to discuss the concern and next steps. The number also routes to the out-of-hours partner when the diocesan team is unavailable; the out-of-hours helpline is not available between midnight and 7am.

Diocese of Ely safeguarding contact information

There is lots more information about Safeguarding at:

http://www.elydiocese.org/safeguarding

You can contact statutory services yourself

- **Police:** 999 in an emergency; 101 for non-emergency matters.
- **Children's social care (Cambridgeshire):** 0345 045 5203.
- **Adult social care (Cambridgeshire):** 0345 045 5202.
- **Adult social care out of hours:** 01733 234724 where an adult is in danger and immediate intervention is needed.

You do not need permission from the vicar, the PCC or the parish safeguarding contact to contact the police or social services.

Report concerns about an adult working or volunteering with children

Report a concern about an adult

What happens when you tell us?

1. **We will listen.** You can speak at your own pace. We will not press you for unnecessary details.
2. **We will consider safety.** If someone may be at risk, appropriate steps will be taken to help keep them safe.
3. **We will refer the concern appropriately.** The parish will contact the Diocese of Ely safeguarding team and, where necessary, the police or social services. Church officers do not carry out their own investigation into allegations of abuse.
4. **We will explain the next steps.** We will explain what we can, including what support is available and how follow-up contact can be arranged.
5. **Support can continue.** With your agreement, we will discuss appropriate pastoral support and help you find specialist independent services.

You do not have to make a formal complaint, report to the police or prove what happened before asking about support.

How your information will be handled

We will treat information sensitively and keep records secure in line with safeguarding procedures and data protection requirements. Information may need to be shared with the Diocese of Ely, the police, social services or other appropriate professionals to protect someone from harm or meet legal obligations.

We cannot promise absolute secrecy. We will explain, as far as we can, why information may need to be shared and how it will be used. Information about other people may not be shared with you if doing so would breach their privacy or affect a safeguarding or criminal process.

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Independent support and advice

We understand reporting abuse may be very difficult and distressing for you and it may add to your hurt if we are unable to immediately assist you.

Therefore here are the contact details of other agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

Child-line:
Phone 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.
Website: https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/

National Domestic Violence Helpline
Phone: 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
Website: https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/

Safe Spaces

Free, independent support for people abused through their relationship with the Church of England, Catholic Church in England and Wales, or Church in Wales.

Phone: 0300 303 1056 (Check website for times that phone lines and live chat are available)
Email: safespaces@firstlight.org.uk
Website: Safe Spaces website

Samaritans

Emotional support, at any time, if you are struggling to cope.

Phone: 116 123 (Freephone. Any time day or night)
Website: samaritans.org

NSPCC

Advice for adults concerned about a child's safety or wellbeing.

Phone: 0808 800 5000 (Phone lines available 24 hours a day)
Website: nspcc.org.uk

Stop It Now!

Confidential advice about child sexual abuse and concerning behaviour.

Phone: 0808 1000 900 (Check availability of phone and live chat at the link below)
Website: https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/helpline/

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You deserve to be heard, believed and treated with care and respect. If you are not ready to talk to someone at the church, you can contact an independent service listed above.

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