



Church of St John The Baptist Yarkhill

Safeguarding Policy

Introduction

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. Everyone who participates in the life of the Church has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all. Here at Yarkhill Church, clergy leaders and church officers, including those appointed to the PCC, are committed to Safeguarding and regard it as an integral part of the life and ministry of our church.

As stated in the National Safeguarding Policy of the Church of England, safeguarding means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

1. Promote the welfare of children, young people and adults.
2. Work to prevent abuse from occurring.
3. Seek to protect those that are at risk of being abused.
4. Respond well to those that have been abused.
5. We will take care to identify where a person may present a risk to others and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.
6. We will remain alert to maintain a safer environment and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry. In order to do this well we have adopted the following policies from the Church of England and have agreed to adhere to them: -

Promoting a Safer Church (House of Bishops Policy Statement 2017)

Protecting all God's Children (Safeguarding policy for all children and young people 4th edition 2010)

Promoting a Safe Church (Safeguarding policy for adults 2006)

As a matter of Good Practice, we have also adopted all current 'Practice Guidance' documents as listed on the Church of England website (under Safeguarding Policy & Procedure section)

This statement was adopted by St John The Baptist Church, Yarkhill at a meeting held on 6th November 2018

Signed:

Rev'd Mandy Williams