

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY –
LOOKING THE OTHER WAY IS NEVER AN OPTION

The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is of paramount importance to the Parish of St. Andrew's Hornchurch and to this end, we have a team of 5 volunteers implementing the Church of England's guidance and practice.

We can be contacted via the following email addresses or via the Parish Office (01708 441571) child.safeguarding@parishcofhornchurch.co.uk (children) adult.safeguarding@parishcofhornchurch.co.uk (adults)

In any situation where there is an immediate threat to life, the police should be contacted.

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The following statement of principles appears at the head of each safeguarding policy:

We are committed to:

The care, nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and all adults; The Safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults. The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving 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 principles of Safer Recruitment. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that any adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will 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.

We will seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.

We will 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, young person or adult who is vulnerable.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

For further advice and guidance, the Safeguarding Team at the Diocese of Chelmsford may be contacted at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/safeguarding