

Greyfriars and New Hope Churches, Reading. Parish Safeguarding Policy

1. We are committed to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.

2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service checks.

3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.

4. We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

5. We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

6. We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

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

8. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service Checks.

9. We will advise the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure, which is 'blemished' or 'positive'.

10. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Safeguarding Officer:

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child, young person or vulnerable adult please contact Sam Muncey, as our Safeguarding Officer.

Sam Muncey

T: 07933 567 075

E: safeguarding@greyfriars.org.uk

Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan of Oxford at safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org and 01865 208295.

The policy above was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 3 July 2023

This church appoints Sam Muncey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent.....



Churchwardens.....



Date.....

6th JULY 2023

Please send a copy of your Safeguarding Policy to: safeguarding@oxford.anglican.org or Diocese of Oxford Safeguarding Team, Church House Oxford, Langford Locks, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1GF.