

# SOUTHWARK

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## Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Church

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Diocesan guidelines, "A Safe Church", copies of which are available from the COO or from the Vergers' Vestry.

The following policy was agreed at the Chapter meeting held on 20th March 2019.

### **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 who may pose a present risk to others.
- › ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the Cathedral
- › display on Cathedral premises and on the Cathedral website the details of whom to contact with 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 immediately notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies
- › offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred

### **The Cathedral will:**

- › create a safe and caring place for all
- › have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the Chapter 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
- › care for and monitor any member of the Cathedral 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 Practice at least annually.

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

This Cathedral has appointed Andrew Zihni as Cathedral Safeguarding Lead, and Jill Tilley, Helen Quintrell and Cherry James as Parish Safeguarding Officers.