

## Promoting a Safer Church Parish Policy Statement

The Parochial Church Council of Elmdon agreed to adopt all of the House of Bishop's safeguarding policy and practice guidance and The Church of England – Birmingham's procedures for their implementation on 1st May 2018 and have reviewed and reconfirmed this document on 16th July 2019.

**All forms of abuse are wrong and must stop**

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.

### **Our commitments:**

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

We will implement good safeguarding practice by ensuring:

- safer recruitment procedures in place;
- effective working with statutory and voluntary sector partners;
- we have publicly advertised arrangements for children, young people and vulnerable adults to be able to speak to an independent person, as required;
- our complaints and whistleblowing procedures are well publicised;
- effective information sharing;
- good record keeping.

*A church officer is anyone appointed or elected to a role on behalf of the church whether they are lay or ordained, paid or unpaid*

**If you have any concerns or need to talk to someone  
please contact**

Toby Crowe - Rector  
on 0121 743 6336 or [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)

Patricia Coleman-Taylor - Safeguarding Coordinator  
on 07733 305066 or [safeguarding@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@elmdonchurch.org)

If you cannot contact the person above and someone is being harmed or is not safe and needs immediate help, dial 999, or contact social care services, or, for a child, the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

**Other useful contacts:**

Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser	07342 993 844
Childline	0800 1111
Family Lives Helpline	0808 800 2222
Samaritans	116 123
Elder Abuse	0808 808 8141
Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
Men's Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 801 0327
National Association of People Abused in Childhood	0800 085 3330
Stop It Now! Helpline	0808 1000 900

***Local Authority Children's Social Care  
Services:***

0121 303 1888 (Birmingham)  
0121 569 3100 (Sandwell)  
0121 788 4333 (Solihull)  
0800 1313 126 (Staffordshire)  
01926 414144 (Warwickshire)  
01905 822666 (Worcestershire)

***Local Authority Adult Social Care  
Services:***

0121 303 1234 (Birmingham)  
0121 569 2266 (Sandwell)  
0121 704 8007 (Solihull)  
0345 604 2719 (Staffordshire)  
01926 412080 (Warwickshire)  
01905 768053 (Worcestershire)