



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Leamington Spa

## Safeguarding Statement

As part of the Christian Church living in the spirit of the Gospel, we are committed to the care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults as set out in the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy "Promoting a Safer Church". Safeguarding means the actions the Church takes to promote a safer culture.

### **We are 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 that may pose a present risk to others.

### **To this end we will:**

- Carefully select, support and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with the Church of England's *Practice Guidance for Safer Recruitment*.
- Respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- 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.
- Seek to protect survivors of abuse from the possibility of further harm and abuse.
- Seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of respect and responsibility, where they are trusted by others.
- 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 or adult. In all of the above:
- We will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.
- We will monitor and regularly review our safeguarding procedures.

## **If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact...**

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## **For more information about safeguarding...**

Please contact either of the above people, or visit [www.dioceseofcoventry.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.dioceseofcoventry.org.uk/safeguarding)

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