

Safeguarding – Holy Trinity PCC

At its meeting on Tue 12th March 2019, the PCC of Holy Trinity Darlington re-affirmed its adoption of the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy.

Signed on behalf of Holy Trinity PCC:



The Revd Matthew Firth, PCC Chairman & Priest in Charge

The following Parish Safeguarding Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 12th 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 that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC 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.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are 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 notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church 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 Practices at least annually.

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

This church appoints Helen Morgan as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: The Revd Matthew P Firth

Churchwardens: David Morgan, Pauline Huntley

Date: 12.3.19

The Holy Trinity Darlington Parish Safeguarding Officer is Helen Morgan, and she can be contacted on 01325 255867.

The Durham Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Beth Miller, and she can be contacted on 07968 034075.

List of Useful Contacts

Police : Call 101 or 999 in an emergency

Local Contacts - Adult and Children's Social Care:

Children Contact the Children's Access Point on 01325 406222 or Emergency Duty Team on 01642 524552.

Adult Contact the First Point of Contact Team on 01325 406111 or the Emergency Duty Team on 01642 524552.

Helplines for further support

NSPCC - For adults concerned about a child 0808 800 5000

ChildLine - For children and young people on 0800 1111

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline - 0808 808 8141

24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247

NAPAC – Offer support and advice to adult survivors of childhood abuse 0808 801 0331

Stop It Now – Preventing child sexual abuse 0808 1000 900

Cruse – Bereavement helpline 0808 808 1677

Web Link to Durham Diocese Safeguarding Information:

<https://durhamdiocese.org/safeguarding-abuse-concerns/>