

Safeguarding

Best Practice in the Particular Context of The Priory Benefice

The Priory Benefice acknowledges and welcomes the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook: Promoting a Safer Church (2018)*. This document forms the basis of our Safeguarding policy and practice, and copies are made available to all relevant church officers. A reference copy is also available in the Sacristy of each Church. In addition, the Benefice PCCs draw attention to the following guidelines which relate to our particular context in The Priory Benefice

1. The Priory Benefice acknowledges and welcomes the understanding that Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. We will do all we can to create and maintain a culture of 'informed vigilance' which everyone in the church takes seriously.
2. We will ensure that all those who undertake any eligible roles with children and vulnerable adults are DBS checked in accordance with current procedures.
3. All users of our buildings must either provide evidence of their own Safeguarding Policy (to a standard equivalent to ours) OR sign to say that they will adhere to our policy.
4. When Lay Pastoral Ministers visit infirm or vulnerable adults, there will always be two visiting people, who will keep a record of each visit.
5. Children will be allowed on parish trips or outings only when accompanied by parents or guardians.
6. For proposed visits of school groups to the church, the Parish Priest and/or Wardens must be consulted and arrangements agreed well in advance of such a visit.
7. A minimum of two adults must always be present at any time when children are present. This includes (but is not limited to) the Sunday School and vestry/sacristy when children are acting as servers.
8. The Priory Benefice adheres to the principles of Safer Recruitment, as set out in chapter 5 of the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*.
9. The Priory Benefice adheres to the Code of safer working practice and guidelines for Children's Activities (eg adult-children ratios) as set out in chapter 11 of the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*.
10. The Priory Benefice adheres to the Use of Social Media guidelines as set out in chapter 12 of the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*.
11. The Priory Benefice adheres to the policies on Safeguarding Training set out in chapter 6 of the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*.
12. The Priory Benefice adheres to the guide to responding to concerns or allegations set out in chapter 7 of the *Parish Safeguarding Handbook*.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact:

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