

Promoting

a safer

Church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church.

**House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy for
children, young people and
adults.**

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

That someone you know is at risk, or is being abused, or presents a risk to themselves or others. Please seek the advice of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, or if necessary, report the matter to Westminster Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts, if you have concerns:

Name: Rev'd. Simon Buckley
Role: Rector
Tel: 020 7437 1012
Email: rector@stannes-soho.org.uk

Name: Jennifer Cox
Role: Parish Safeguarding Officer
Tel: 020 7437 8039
Email: safeguarding@stannes-soho.org.uk

Role: Claire Meaney
Tel: 020 7932 1224
Email: safeguarding@london.anglican.org

Westminster City Council Social Services
Adult Team: 020 7641 2500
Children's Team: 020 7641 4000

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999**

OUR COMMITMENTS

- 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.

HELPLINES

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Family Lives: 0808 800 2222

ChildLine: 0800 1111

National Domestic Violence
Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900

Action on Elder Abuse:
0808 808 8141

ThirtyOne:Eight
0303 003 1111

NAPAC: 0808 801 0331

Samaritans: 116 123

GALOP: 020 7704 2040



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



THE PARISH OF ST ANNE WITH ST THOMAS & ST PETER
(KNOWN AS ST ANNE'S, SOHO)

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2024-2025

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on Sunday 26th May 2024. In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) and 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Diocese' (2018) our church is committed to:

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St Anne's will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) 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.


**St Anne's has appointed:
Jennifer Cox as our Church Safeguarding Officer.**

Incumbent:


Rev'd. Simon Buckley

Churchwardens:


Mr John Witts


Mr Mark Allan

Date:

26th May 2024