



# ALL SAINTS with St. PHILIP Maidstone and St. STEPHEN, Tovil

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### Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of All Saints with St. Philip, Maidstone and St. Stephen, Tovil

This parochial church council has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them

We have appointed as the Parish Safeguarding Coordinators:-

Mrs Denise Joy (email: [denisejoy@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:denisejoy@maidstone.gov.uk) telephone 01622 674063)

Mrs Mollie Neaves (email: [mneaves@btinternet.com](mailto:mneaves@btinternet.com) telephone 01622 759321)

Contact address All Saints Vicarage Priory Road Maidstone ME15 6NL

Any child wishing to talk about a problem can contact Childline on 0800 1111

Any parent or carer wishing to talk about parenting problems can contact Family Lives on 0808 800

2222 The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator(s) is available to speak with adults or children.

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 28th May 2019

Signed

The Revd. Ian Parrish  
Parish Priest  
28th May 2019

Denise Joy  
Churchwarden  
28th May 2019

## **Safeguarding Children in the Parish - Checklist**

### **Key Tasks for Parochial Church Councils**

- Adopt annually a Parish Child Protection Policy
- Display this policy
- Review annually the implementation of this policy and of the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Guidelines
- Appoint a Parish Child Protection Coordinator and advise Diocesan House of any change
- Display the Childline and Family Lives telephone numbers
- Keep a record of all activities in which children are involved
- Ensure that a record is kept of all children attending parish activities
- Ensure that all those working with children are appropriately recruited, trained and supported under Safer Recruitment Guidelines
- Ensure that all those working with children have a DBS Disclosure subject to role, which is renewed in line with diocesan policy
- Ensure that those who may pose a threat to children are effectively managed and monitored, always taking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Children Adviser
- Ensure that appropriate Health and Safety procedures are in place
- Notify the parish insurers of any serious safeguarding incident involving a parish worker, paid or unpaid
- Carry out an audit of premises in which activities involving children take place, to assess whether they are suitable and "child-friendly."

### **Churchwardens 2019/2020**

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