



We are proud to be members  
of the Children's Charter.

*St Matthew's*  
ASHFORD



*St Mary the Virgin*  
STANWELL



## PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

### Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

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 parishes 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.

The Parishes 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 the parishes will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by these parishes.

Signed: *Fr Stuart King*

Vicar/Rector/Priest in charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Churchwardens: *Guy Ghani & Amber Cawte* Churchwardens: *Mervyn Moys & Gary Rixon*

### Church Safeguarding Officers

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.



**SMAM**

**Mrs. Helen Potter**  
07879627527



**SMVS**

**Mrs. Joanne Rixon**  
07909 864985



### Mr. Dale Gilbert, Children's Champion

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.

**You can contact them on: 07711345113**

The following team members have completed safeguarding training:

Jo Buckmaster, Gary Clink, Melanie Cooper, Guy Ghani, John Hillman, Sarah Inwood, Alan Joel, Amanda King, Fr Stuart King, Wendy McLaughlan, Helen Potter, Maria Quail.

The following people are our first aiders: John Hillman, Guy Ghani, Amanda King, Fr Stuart King

### Important telephone numbers:

Diocesan Safeguarding Line: 020 7932 1224

CCPAS 24 hour helpline: 0845 120 4550 Family Lives: 0808 800 222 / Childline: 0800 1111