**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

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We aim to ensure St Mary’s provides a safe, caring and welcoming Church environment for all who visit, worship or work within it.

We recognise that Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility.

We believe nobody should ever experience abuse of any kind.

We are committed to practice in a way that protects everyone.

This policy applies to all who worship or work within or on behalf of St Mary’s Church.

We will keep people safe by adopting the House of Bishops

“Promoting a safer church Safeguarding Policy” & other guidance issued by the Church of England.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church-safeguarding>

* Safe recruiting and support
* Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
* Caring pastorally for victim of abuse
* Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of allegations or abuse.
* Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

**Help is here for everyone:**

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| **St Mary’s Safeguarding Officer:** | Wendy Breeze - 07778396918 |
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| **Child Line:** | 0800 1111 |
| **Adult Care Point:** | 01243 642121 |
| **West Sussex County Council Safeguarding:** | 01403 229900 |
| **West Sussex (out of hours):** | 033 022 26664 |
| **Emergency:** | 112 or 999 |

**More Information**

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| **Diocese of Chichester:** | <https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/> |
| **C of E Safeguarding:** | <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding> |
| **NSPCC** | [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) |

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| **The PCC will review this policy annually** |
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| **Name**: |
| **Position**: |
| **Date of Signature**: |
| **Date of this Review**: 7th June 2023 |