

# Safeguarding – Our Safeguarding Officer

*“Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from their creation in God’s own image and likeness. Christians have a duty to value, understand and respect the rights of children and adults as people of faith in the life of the church, and to protect them from harm.”*

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The Gauzebrook Group accepts and endorses the principles set out in the Diocese of Bristol Safeguarding Policy and seeks to follow its guidance and procedures. These can be found at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/safeguarding-resources>

The Parishes of the Gauzebrook Benefice are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, and especially those who may be vulnerable, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey in safety. As a Christian community it is the responsibility of every one of us to protect those who are less able to protect themselves.

## Gauzebrook Benefice Safeguarding Team

Our Gauzebrook Benefice Safeguarding Officer is **Alison Reed**, she can be contacted by email [alisonreed51@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonreed51@yahoo.com) or by phoning **01666 83766**.



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

If you would prefer to speak with someone outside the Gauzebrook Benefice please contact:

Bristol Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Adam Bond on **0117 9060100 (Out of Hours - Churches Child Protection Advice Service Helpline 0303 003 11 11)** (*please ensure that you tell them that you are calling from the Diocese of Bristol*).

**If you are worried about a child or an adult and believe that they are in immediate danger, you must contact the police on 999.**

Please see the following Gauzebrook Group Ministry Safeguarding documents for more details:

1. Safeguarding Policy
2. Code of Conduct
3. Are you concerned about abuse
4. Useful information

If you would like a copy of the current benefice safeguarding policy please contact our Administrator on 01666 825019 or email [admin@deanery.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanery.org.uk)