**SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION:**

**ST KENELM'S CHURCH,**

**UPTON SNODSBURY**

Reporting abuse and finding support

**If you have information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention call the emergency services on 999. Do not delay.**

**If you have a non-life threatening safeguarding concern about a child or adult**

Please contact:

* **The Local Safeguarding Officer**  Carole Wiles

Phone: 07981 471776 email: carolewiles@aol.com

* **The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor** Hilary Higton
Phone: 07495 060869 email: hhigton@cofe-worcester.org.uk

**Finding Support:**

You can also contact one of these services:

* **Worcestershire Children's Social Services**: 01905 822666
* **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
* **Child-line:**0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.
* **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
* [**Samaritans Helpline**](https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us): 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
* **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline**: 080 8808 8141 ( free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).
* **The National Safeguarding Team**: safeguarding@churchofengland.org

**Diocese of Worcester**

**Parish of Upton Snodsbury**

**Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement**

The nominated Parish Safeguarding Representative is:

 Name: Carole Wiles

 Address: The Chapel, Chapel Lane, Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, WR7 4NH

 Telephone: 01905 381270

 email: carolewiles@aol.com

The following policy has been agreed and implemented by the PCC:

1 We are aware of and will implement the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy Protecting All God's Children 4th edition (2010). A copy of this policy can be found on www.cofe-worcester.org.uk. We work closely with the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor.

2 We are committed to the safeguarding and the care of the children within our church community.

3 We will ensure that lay ministers, volunteers and paid workers who work with children and vulnerable adults are carefully selected and trained using the safe recruitment process and Disclosure and Barring Service to check the background of each person as outlined in the diocesan procedures. The Diocese will do likewise in respect of ordained ministers.

4 We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child for whom we are responsible may have been harmed or is in significant danger, reporting it to the relevant authority.

5 We will fully co-operate with statutory agencies during any investigation into allegations concerning a member of the church community. We will inform the statutory agency of any suspected criminal offences or concerns that we are made aware of in respect of our contact with children.

6 We will offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse and provide them with details of local and national support agencies.

7 We will supervise and support any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or vulnerable adult and ensuring proper and appropriate preventative safeguards are in place using a written agreement.

8 We will review this policy annually, checking that all our procedures and activities involving children and vulnerable adults are up to date, including the Disclosure and Barring Checks.

9 We will review our insurance policy for those working with children and vulnerable adults, ensuring we adopt the advice in the House of Bishops' Policy and Promoting a Safe Church

10 A copy of this policy will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board

11 **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN CONTACT CHILDLINE FREE ON 0800 1111 AT ANY TIME**.

The PCC has identified the following activities involving children and vulnerable adults to which the House of Bishops' Policy and Promoting a Safe Church applies.

Detail the activities, frequency, location, and person responsible below.

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This policy was discussed and agreed at the PCC meeting held on:

Date: 10 April 2019

We the PCC agree to review and update this policy annually.

**Signed by:**

PCC Chair or Representative Reverend Gary Noyes

Church Warden Helen Bennett

Safeguarding Representative Carole Wiles

Incumbent Reverend Gary Noyes