

## Church of England Parish Safeguarding Policy

### The Parish of Coatham and Dormanstown

### SAFEGUARDING POLICY

### PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Date).

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is 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 Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) 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 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 the 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 these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints **Dave Stones as the Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Incumbent Rebecca Haughty (Rev. Rebecca Haughty)

Church wardens

G. Brimble (Graham Brimble)

Carole Prest (Carole Prest)

Dave Stones (Dave Stones)

S Taylor (Syd Taylor)

## **The Parish of Coatham and Dormanstown**

### **Who to contact if you have a Safeguarding Concern**

'If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser, or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.'

Local Contacts to speak to if you have any concerns

#### **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Dave Stones

Tel. 07930 450365

Email: [personbooks@aol.com](mailto:personbooks@aol.com)

#### **Incumbent**

Revd. Rebecca Haughty

Tel. 01642 493661 / 07546 594521

Email: [revrebecca2011@btinternet.com](mailto:revrebecca2011@btinternet.com)

#### **PCC Safeguarding Lead**

Graham Brimble

07402 280323

Email: [grahamclcgb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grahamclcgb@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser**

Rob Marshall

01904 699509 or 07914 668907

Email: [rob.marshall@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:rob.marshall@yorkdiocese.org)

#### **Archdeacon of Cleveland**

The Venerable Amanda Bloor

01642 706095

Email: [adcl@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:adcl@yorkdiocese.org)

#### **Local Authority Social Services**

##### **Adult Social Care: Seafeld House**

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 08.30 - 1700 hrs

Tel. No: 01642 771500

Out of Hours: Emergency Duty Team: 01642 524552

##### **For children and young people**

Redcar and Cleveland Multi-Agency Hub for Children and Families (MACH)

Tel No 01642 130700

Opening Hours: Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 1700 hrs, Fri 08.30am - 4.30pm

Out of Hours: Emergency Duty Team: 01642 524552

**If there is immediate risk or danger please contact the Police on 999**