**St. James’ Church Burnopfield and Dipton**



 **Safeguarding**

 **Promoting a safer church**

**The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church.**

**OUR Commitments**

* **Promoting a safer environment and culture.**
* **Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adult.**
* **Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.**
* **Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons.**
* **Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons.**
* **Responding to those that may pose a present risk.**

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

**Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:**

**Parish Safeguarding Officers: Name:        Norma Brown Role:          Parish Safeguarding Officer   (01207 272401) E-mail:       normajoybrown@gmail.com**

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**Role:          Parish Safeguarding Officer    (01207 270372)**

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**Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (07968034075)**

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**Web link:** https://**durhamdiocese**.org/**safeguarding**-abuse-concerns

**Local Authority Social Services: Durham Social Care Direct 🕿03000 267 979**

**If there is an immediate risk or danger contact the police on 101**