



Safeguarding Policy Statement of [Parish/Church Name] **ST PAUL'S WARTON**

The following policy was agreed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) on [insert date].
15/10/25

1. Our Commitment

In accordance with the Church of England's **House of Bishops Safeguarding Guidance and Safeguarding Code of Practice**, we are 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.
- **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 or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- **Responding to those that may pose a present risk** to others.

We will ensure that:

- All those who work with children, young people or adults at risk have been safely recruited and appropriately trained.
- All safeguarding concerns or allegations are responded to promptly, following national and diocesan guidance.
- We cooperate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation.
- We offer appropriate pastoral care and support to all those involved in safeguarding concerns.

2. Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities

- Our **Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)** is:
Name: [Insert name] **ANNE-MARIE ASPDEN**
Contact: [Insert contact details] **07702 081441**
- The **Incumbent** is: [Insert name] **REV TRACY SWINDELLS**
- The PCC takes full responsibility for ensuring this policy is implemented, reviewed annually, and displayed publicly.

3. Reporting Concerns

Any safeguarding concern relating to a child, young person or vulnerable adult must be reported **immediately** to the Parish Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. If there is immediate danger, call 999.



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4. Review and Implementation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the PCC and updated as necessary to remain compliant with Church of England and statutory guidance.

Signed:

Incumbent: *Paul Swales* Date: 8/10/25
Churchwarden: *J. Swales* Date: 8/10/25
Parish Safeguarding Officer: *[Signature]* Date: 8/10/25

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