

Christ Church, Fenton

Safeguarding Policy

Date: 20 November 2025

Status: This policy is based on the Lichfield Diocese Safeguarding Policy and is approved by the Diocese. It is pending formal adoption by the PCC at its next meeting.

Our Commitment

Christ Church, Fenton, in the benefice of Stoke upon Trent and Fenton, adopts the principles of Promoting a Safer Church and the Lichfield Diocese Safeguarding Policy. We affirm that every person has value and dignity and should be protected from harm.

Key Principles

- We will create a safe, caring environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults.
- We will follow safer recruitment practices for all roles involving vulnerable groups.
- We will respond promptly to safeguarding concerns and allegations.

- We will provide pastoral care for survivors and those who have offended.

Contacts

- Primary Contact: Lichfield Diocese Safeguarding Team

Phone: 01543 306030

Email: safeguarding@lichfield.anglican.org

Website: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/>

- Emergency Services: Dial 999 if someone is in immediate danger.

- Local Authority:

Stoke-on-Trent Children's Services: 01782 235100

Adult Social Care: 0800 561 0015

Note: The parish currently has no appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer. Clergy should not be the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns.

Implementation

- This policy will be displayed on the church noticeboard and website.
- PCC will record adoption in its minutes.
- Posters will include diocesan contact details and emergency instructions.