



The Parish of
South Gillingham
Team Ministry

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(Comprising the churches of St Matthew's Wigmore,
St Peter's Bredhurst, St Paul's Parkwood Green and
All Saints' Hempstead)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

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This Parochial Church Council (PCC) has adopted the Safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England, including the National Safeguarding Standards. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) amongst other tools, to check their suitability.
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed.
- co-operating fully with the police, local authority, Diocese and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation.
- ministering appropriately to anyone; child or adult who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adult whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them.
- complying with the National Safeguarding Standards and the Rochester Diocese Safeguarding Dashboard

We have appointed Alan Wainwright as the Parish Safeguarding Officer with Ali Harding as Lead Recruiter

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on the 19th May 2026

Signed: (Incumbent) - In Vacancy

Church Warden for St Peter's Bredhurst

Date: 19/5/26

Church Warden All Saints' Hempstead

Date: 19/5/26

Church Warden St Matthew's

Date: 19/5/26

Church Warden St Paul's Parkwood
Vacant

May 2026