

SAFEGUARDING POLICY.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council of the Church of the Annunciation Chislehurst, held on 3 July 2026, it was resolved that the PCC adopts the following safeguarding policy.

The Parochial Church Council and the incumbent have adopted The House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church' and have appointed a named Parish Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding is therefore part of our core faith and an integral feature of the Christian life within our Church.

CORE COMMITMENT

Safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole Church community, who strive to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm - physical, mental, sexual, or spiritual.

We undertake to safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults at risk, so that confidence in recognising signs of abuse is enhanced.

We will listen and take seriously any concerns of suspected abuse brought to our attention and will respond without delay.

We will give support to victims/survivors of abuse irrespective to the nature of the abuse or when it occurred.

We will, in accordance with our Christian faith, offer support to those who have had allegations of abuse made against them.

We will challenge any abuse of power committed by a person in a position of trust.

With the support and cooperation of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, we will monitor those members of our community who may pose a risk to either children or vulnerable adults.

We will maintain the strictest confidentiality whether it be of the spoken word or the written report.

We will make urgent representation to the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Police, NSPCC, or other outside agency, when immediate danger is suspected.

KEY SAFEGUARDING PROTOCOLS:

Leadership & Vetting. All Church staff and volunteers involved with either children or vulnerable adults will be DBS checked and will receive appropriate training.

Contact Details. The names and contact details will be displayed both within the Church premises and within social media sites, should a safeguarding concern require investigation.

Safeguarding Policy. Procedures and Risk Assessments will be updated annually.
Insurance Cover - We will ensure that there is appropriate cover for all activities undertaken in the name of The Annunciation, involving children and adults .