



Policy for Safeguarding Children, Young People, and Adults when they are Vulnerable

Parishes of **St Mary's Church, Standon; All Saints, Little Munden; and St Catherine's Sacombe**
in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on **2nd June 2026**

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding policy for children and adults when they are vulnerable, accepting the Church of England Promoting a Safer Church 2017 and being responsive to local parish requirements.
- We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children, young people and vulnerable adults, and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that all adults should be offered respect and given inclusion and empowerment within the Church.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child, young person or vulnerable adult for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This Parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, or in a manner which could affect adults who are vulnerable.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice Guidance: Safer Recruitment (2016).

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator **Lizzy Franks**

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Signed Lay chair during vacancy *Michael Smith*

This policy was also signed by churchwardens from each of the parishes.