

Safeguarding Policy Statement for St Leonard's Church of England Parish Church Yarpole.

The Church of England, its Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and leaders are committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

Safeguarding is the action that all those involved with St Leonard's takes to promote a safe culture for all those who access the Church. This means that we will promote the welfare of children, young people and adults. We will work to prevent abuse from occurring, seek to protect those at risk of being abused and respond well to those that have been abused. We will take care to identify where a person may pose a risk to others and offer support to them whilst taking steps to mitigate such risks.

St Leonard's takes a 'whole Church' approach to safeguarding. This means that all organisations, Church bodies, officers and ministers involved in activities at St Leonard's are committed to consistent safeguarding policy and practice. Everyone associated with St Leonard's who comes into contact with children, young people and adults, has a role to play in safeguarding.

St Leonard's will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all and to practice fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards, children, young people and adults; to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm.

Safeguarding contacts and useful links

If you wish to report any safeguarding concerns, contact the incumbent / vicar or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Let the Parish Safeguarding Officer know. If the risks are imminent ring 999, but let the local and Diocesan officers know what you have done.

The Safeguarding officers for St Leonard's PCC are:-

Barbara Nurse: Tel: 01568 780637 Email: banj1@btopenworld.com

Jane Higgins: Tel: 07717 452350 Email: jane.dragonwood@gmail.com

Incumbent / Vicar: Rev Matthew Burns: Tel: 01568 614399 / 07817 747470

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

Mandy McPhee: Tel: 07999 028076 or 07875 757396

Herefordshire multi agency safeguarding boards:-

<https://herefordshiresafeguardingboards.org.uk>

Safeguarding Adults Contacts:-

Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm Tel: [01432 260715](tel:01432260715)

Before 9am after 5pm and during weekends and public/bank holidays:-

Tel: [0330 123 9309](tel:03301239309)

Email: Safeguarding@herefordshire.gov.uk

Postal address: Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE

Safeguarding Children contacts:-

Contact Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on [01432 260800](tel:01432260800)

If someone is injured or in immediate danger phone [999](tel:999) – police, fire, ambulance

To report a non-urgent crime call [101](tel:101) and you will be put through to West Mercia Police.

NSPCC: [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000)

Childline: [0800111](tel:0800111)

National Domestic Violence Helpline: [08082000247](tel:08082000247)

West Mercia Women's Aid: [0800 980 331](tel:0800980331)

Action on elder abuse: [0808 808 8141](tel:08088088141)

Victim Support Supportline: [0808 1689 111](tel:08081689111)