

PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement



Parish of St Paul's Covent Garden

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of human beings in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We accept and endorse the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for safeguarding adults in the Church of England (*Promoting a Safe Church*, 2006) and safeguarding children (*Protecting All God's Children*, 2010) and the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy Statement for children, young people and adults (2017).
- We accept and endorse the principles of the Diocese of London's Safeguarding Policy (*Promoting a Safer Diocese*, 2023).
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in a paid or voluntary position with children or adults at risk, including the use of Criminal Records disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Independent Safeguarding Authority.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting in January 2013.

We have appointed **Robert Zampetti** as our Church Safeguarding Officer.

We have appointed **Margaret Houston** as our Children's Champion

The Parish of St. Paul's Covent Garden has adopted the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding Children and Young People. Copies of the policy are available from the Church website at <https://actorschurch.org/privacy-safeguarding-policy/>

The PCC shall review this policy annually. It was last reviewed in **May 2024**.
The next review will take place in **April 2025**.

Signed:
Rector

Churchwarden

Our Church Safeguarding Officer is:

Robert Zampetti

Our Children's Champion is:

Margaret Houston

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NSPCC Hotline

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