



## **Parish of the Claydons' Safeguarding Handbook Church of England**

### **POLICY FOR PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH**

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 (and remains in force as amended).

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy of October 2018 (as amended) our Parish is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

Our Parish Safeguarding and Safeguarding Link Officers for the Claydons and Swan Team are:

- Julia Cook, Euclid, Portway Road, Buckingham MK18 4EB, and
- Spencer Fishman C/o, St Michael’s Church, Queen Catherine Road, Steeple Claydon, Buckingham MK18 2QF

This Parish appoints Julia Cook as Parish Safeguarding Officer and Spencer Fishman as Safeguarding Link Officer.

Incumbent: Reverend Rickey Simpson-Gray

Churchwardens: Linda O’Dell, Elspeth O’Halloran, Esther Turnbull and Yemi Adebisi (Deputy)

Assistant Churchwardens: Dave Martin, Katie Smith and Steve Dobbs

**Date: July 2021**

Copies of “The Parish Safeguarding Policy and Guidelines in the Diocese of Oxford and Church of England (as amended) are held by:

Reverend Rickey Simpson-Gray

The PCC shall review this policy annually.

Signed:

*R Simpson-Gray*

**Reverend Rickey Simpson-Gray  
Parish of the Claydons**

I / We agree that we will abide by the ethos of this statement and that all concerns relating to abuse of vulnerable groups will be reported to the relevant statutory authority.

Hall Hirer:

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Date:

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