

## Eastham St Mary's Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church.

### Our Commitments

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

We have adopted and implemented The House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church'. You can find out more about these national policies and procedures at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

If you have any safeguarding concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter then you can find useful contact information at <https://www.chester.anglican.org/support-services/safeguarding/safeguarding-7485.php>

If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or, if necessary, report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

### Helplines

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- Cruse (bereavement helpline): 0808 808 1677
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- MACSAS (for people abused by church officers): 0808 801 0340
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

If you would like to speak to someone from this parish about a safeguarding issue at the moment please contact our Vicar Beth Glover, or contact our appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer Nikki Matthews [psostmaryseastham@gmail.com](mailto:psostmaryseastham@gmail.com)