

# SAFEGUARDING



St Boniface Church takes its duty and obligation to protect all people extremely seriously.

We have adopted the national Church of England's robust safeguarding procedures and guidelines.

St Boniface Church is committed to responding to safeguarding concerns and supporting victims and survivors.

# REPORTING SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

If you or anyone you are in contact with would like to talk with someone independently about a safeguarding issue in the church, please call the [Safe Spaces](#) helpline on [0300 303 1056](tel:03003031056) or email [SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk](mailto:SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk).

Alternatively, you may contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer listed below or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser in the Diocese of Chester via email [safeguarding@chester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chester.anglican.org)

**St Boniface are not able to offer either an emergency or 24-hour response.**

**If you have information about a safeguarding situation where a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention call the emergency services on 999. Do not delay.**

# FINDING SUPPORT

We understand reporting concerns or experiences may be very difficult and distressing to you and it may add to your hurt by our not being able to immediately assist you. Therefore, here are the contact details of other national, independent agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are [worried about a child](#).
- **Child-line:** [0800 1111](tel:08001111) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person [and are worried about anything](#)
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if [you are experiencing domestic abuse](#).
- **Samaritans Helpline:** [116 123](tel:116123) (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are [struggling to cope and need someone to talk to](#).
- **Hourglass (Action on Elder Abuse) Helpline:** [080 8808 8141](tel:08088088141) (lines free and open 24 hours).

# LOCAL AUTHORITIES SERVICES

There are other local agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

- **Cheshire East – Children Services:** [0300 123 5012](tel:03001235012)— [option 3, option 2 or 0300 123 5022](tel:03001235022) out of [hours](tel:03001235012).
- **Cheshire East – Adult Services:** [0300 123 5010](tel:03001235010) – [8:30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 8:30 am to 4:30pm Friday](tel:03001235010) or [0300 1235022](tel:03001235022) at all other times.
- **Cheshire West – Children Services:** [0300 123 7047](tel:03001237047) — [8.30am to 5pm from Monday to Thursday and 8.30am - 4.30pm on Friday](tel:03001237047) or [01244 977277](tel:01244977277) out of hours.
- **Cheshire West – Adult Services:** [0300 123 7034](tel:03001237034) or [01244 977277](tel:01244977277) out of hours.

# DIOCESE & PARISH CONTACTS

- **Vicar – Tim Hayward:** [01829 261511](tel:01829261511) ([revtimhayward@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:revtimhayward@stbonifacebunbury.org)).
- **Youth Worker — Beth Hayward:** [beth.hayward@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:beth.hayward@stbonifacebunbury.org)
- **Safeguarding Child and Youth Advocate — Becky White:** [becky.white@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:becky.white@stbonifacebunbury.org)
- **Safeguarding Women Advocate — Jennifer Yates:** [jen.yates@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:jen.yates@stbonifacebunbury.org)
- **Safeguarding Adult Advocate — Colin Stanyer:** [colin.stanyer@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:colin.stanyer@stbonifacebunbury.org)
- **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator – Kay Carson:** [safeguarding@stbonifacebunbury.org](mailto:safeguarding@stbonifacebunbury.org)
- **Diocese Safeguarding Officer – Sean Augustin-Wood:** [sean.augustin@chester.anglican.org](mailto:sean.augustin@chester.anglican.org)

# ANTI BULLYING

## Statement of Intent

'We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all are children and young people so they can develop in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable in our church youth activities.

If bullying does occur, all children and young people should be able to tell and be confident that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

This means that anyone who knows bullying is happening is expected to tell the group leaders.'

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## Our Approach

We will: -

- Endeavour to ensure we have parental consent for images of children and young persons;
- Whenever possible we will focus on the activity rather than the individual;
- Ensure that all featured in photographs are appropriately dressed;
- Manage recorded images responsibly.

# SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The Parish Safeguarding Team is working to increase the capacity and expertise within the parish, supported by the diocese and following guidance from the National Safeguarding Team.