

Promoting a safer church

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

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED that someone you know is at risk, 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 of the Police without delay.

We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance.

Local contacts to speak to if you have any concerns:

Vicar: Rev Tim Hayward
Tel: 01829 261511
revtimhayward@stbonifacebunbury.org

Associate Minister: Claire Wilson
claire.wilson@stbonifacebunbury.org

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO):
Kay Carson
safeguarding@stbonifacebunbury.org

Local Authority Social Services:
Cheshire East Social Services

IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.

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 and 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

Policy statement on the safeguarding of adults & children in the church

*This statement was adopted by
Bunbury PCC at a Parochial Church
Council meeting on 19th May 2015
of which a signed copy is held on
record. The statement is reviewed
and affirmed annually by our PCC.*

1. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the policies/guidelines of the House of Bishops and the Diocese.
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

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Incumbent: Rev Tim Hayward
Churchwardens: Elaine Crotty,
Astrid Logan
Deputy churchwarden: Sean
Augustin-Wood
Date: May 2025

Bunbury PCC appointed Kay Carson to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies, as parish safeguarding officer.

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Safeguarding our Community

Concern/Allegation

You suspect or witness abuse, or someone else discloses information about a safeguarding concern or allegation

Emergency - immediate

If a child or adult is in immediate danger and requires medical attention, call the police and/or social services immediately on 999

Record and report all the information to the Vicar or the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Non emergency - within 24 hours

Record and report to the Vicar or the Parish Safeguarding Officer or activity leader. Agree who will inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DST).

Record and discuss with the DST within 24 hours

The DST will provide advice and guidance

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Source: Parish Safeguarding Handbook, Church House Publishing, 2019
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeGuardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf>

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Photography and filming policy

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OUR APPROACH

- We will always seek parental consent before we publish images of children.
- We will always seek the consent of young people over 16 years of age before we publish their images.
- Whenever possible we will focus on the activity rather than the individual.
- We will only publish images which are positive, respectful and everyone is appropriately dressed.
- At church services or events, we will inform people where they can stand to be excluded from photographs or film.

POLICY STATEMENT

- It is our practice to use photographs and video of some church services and recognised church youth activities on our website, on social media and in our parish magazine, to publicise our events and services, and to share the life of the church with our community.
- For all recognised youth activities within this church, we will have obtained parental consent to use a photograph of a child, or a young person's consent when they are over 16 years, for such use.
- It is not our practice to take photographs or film in most church services but if we do, we will make provision for those who wish not to appear on either photographs or film. If we intend to publish any images, we will obtain explicit consent from those appearing in the images.
- We will manage the information on consent forms according with our Privacy Policy and the images according to our Photography and Filming Policy.

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Anti-Bullying

POLICY STATEMENT

- We are committed to providing a caring friendly and safe environment for all our 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, young people and adults 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 group leaders.'

TELL SOMEONE

Are you worried, anxious or concerned about someone? Need some advice? You can reach out to our safeguarding team via email.

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Kay Carson

safeguarding@stbonifacebunbury.org

Children and young people safeguarding advocate:

Becky White

becky.white@stbonifacebunbury.org

Adult safeguarding advocate:

Colin Stanyer

colin.stanyer@stbonifacebunbury.org

Women safeguarding advocate:

Jen Yates

jen.yates@stbonifacebunbury.org

Our vicar

Rev Tim Hayward

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Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

safeguarding@chester.anglican.org

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Helpline Services

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Name	Telephone	Email
Police	Urgent - 999 Local - 101	N/A
Diocesan Safeguarding Team	01928 718834 (option 4) (Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm)	safeguarding@chester.anglican.org (Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm)
thirtyone-eight <i>(Independent Christian Safeguarding Charity)</i>	0303 0031111 (Including out of hours)	info@thirtyoneeight.org
Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership	0300 123 5012 Out of hours - 0300 123 5022	CESCP@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Cheshire East Adult Services	0300 123 5010 Out of hours - 0300 123 5022	N/A
Cheshire West Children's Services	0300 123 7047 Out of hours - 01244 977 277	i-ART@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Cheshire West Adult Services	0300 123 7034 Out of hours - 01244 977 277	accesswest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Safe Spaces England and Wales

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales or the Church in Wales.

Email: SafeSpaces@FirstLight.org.uk
 Safe Spaces Helpline: 0300 303 1056
 Monday - Friday: 9am - 9pm
 Saturdays: 9am - 1pm
 Sundays: 1pm - 5pm

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Charity Helplines

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Charity	Telephone	Email
NSPCC	UK's children's charity	0808 800 5000 (Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm)
Childline	Support for young people	0800 1111 (free and open 24 hours)
Samaritans	Listening for struggling adults	116 123 (free and open 24 hours)
Family Lives/Parent Line	Parenting and family support	0808 800 2222
National Domestic Abuse Helpline	Support and information for adult victims	0808 2000 247 (free and open 24 hours)
National Care Line	Support and information for the elderly, their carers and their families	0800 0699 784
Respect Phonenumber	Help for domestic abuse perpetrators	0808 8024040 (Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm)

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