

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

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.

Incumbent: Rev Tim Hayward
Churchwarden: Sean Augustin-Wood
Date: Jan 2025

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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

Non emergency - within 24 hours

Record and report to the incumbent (vicar) /PSO or activity leader. Agree who will inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA).

Record and report all the information to the incumbent (vicar) and Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Record and discuss with the DSA within 24 hours

The DSA 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>

Photography

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OUR APPROACH

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

POLICY STATEMENT

'As an aspect of the celebration of faith, personal achievement and evangelisation it is our practice to take and display photographs of children on noticeboards, in parish newsletters and magazines.'

For all recognised youth activities within this church we will have sought parental consent to use a photograph of a child or young person for such use.

During such times as family worship it is not always possible to seek prior permission. Therefore the assumption will be one of implied consent. If you wish to opt out of accepting this approach please bring the matter to the attention of the pastoral team.

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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
thirtyone-eight <i>(Independent Christian Safeguarding Charity)</i>	0303 0031111 <i>Including out of hours</i>	info@thirtyoneeight.org
Cheshire East Safeguarding Children's Partnership	0300 123 5012 <i>Out of hours - 0300 123 5022</i>	CESCP@cheshireeast.gov.uk
Cheshire East Adult Services	0300 123 5010 <i>Out of hours - 0300 123 5022</i>	N/A
Cheshire West Children's Services	0300 123 7047 <i>Out of hours - 01244 977 277</i>	i-ART@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Cheshire West Adult Services	0300 123 7034 <i>Out of hours - 01244 977 277</i>	accesswest@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Police	Urgent - 999 Local - 101	N/A
Diocese Safeguarding Adviser (DSA): Sean Augustin- Wood	01928 718834 ext 259 <i>9am to 4pm Mon-Fri</i>	safeguarding@chester.anglican.org <i>Monitored between 9am to 5pm Mon-Fri</i>

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Charity Helplines

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Charity	What they do	Telephone
NSPCC	UK's children's charity	0808 800 5000
Childline	Support for young people	0800 1111
Stop It Now	Child sexual abuse prevention	0808 1000 900
NAPAC	National association for people abused in childhood	0808 801 0331
Samaritans	Listening for struggling adults	116 123
Family Lives	Parenting and family support	0808 800 2222
National Domestic Abuse Helpline	Support and information for adult victims	0808 2000 247
Respect Phonenumber	Help for domestic abuse perpetrators	0808 8024040

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