

To the Parents and Guardians of Young People and Children connected with Warbleton Parish Church



We have been asked by the Diocese to be in touch with you to make sure you are aware of our Safeguarding provisions and of other resources you as parents might want to make use of, or introduce to older young people.

Our Parish Policies

First of all, our PCC has 4 parish policies which you will find on our noticeboards in the church and in the church rooms and also on the Warbleton Parish Church web site. They are based on templates provided by the Church of England and the Diocese of Chichester.

The Parish Safeguarding Policy which provides the main overall policy and introduces the current Parish Safeguarding Officer, Vivian Bown who is about to retire and hand over to Steve Clark, and then 3 more policies.

Policy and Guidance for responding to Safeguarding Allegations, which deals with the really serious matters and will rarely if ever, we hope, be called into action.

Policy and Guidance for Expressing Safeguarding Concerns whether about specific children or vulnerable adults or the safeguarding aspects of what we do.

E-Safety Policy and guidance which deals with the use of social media and communications between children and volunteers in our children's and youth groups.

These policies and guidance are backed up with a range of procedures and forms, some of which you will have seen.

Safeguarding Team

We have a Safeguarding Team of four, the Rector, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sir Jeremy Cooke and Jane Atherden. You will find their photos and contact details on the noticeboards and on the web site and the contact details later in this letter.

Expressing Concerns

We have provided takeaway handouts telling you how to raise issues, and with whom, attached to our noticeboards. (This information is also on the web site)

Our Standards

Members of our appointed teams working with children and young people are DBS checked and those checks are kept up to date. They are trained to the appropriate level required by the Church of England. We carry out annual risk assessments with control measures for our different groups and the facilities we use and safe space checks on each occasion we use those facilities. Where remedial action is required it is either carried out on the spot or flagged up and referred to the appropriate person for subsequent action. We have a small number of assistants to provide music, refreshments and administration who do not require DBS checks or training for what they do.

We have a Code of Behaviour for working with children which is issued to all those appointed to work as a member of our Children and Young Peoples Team including our assistants.

Useful Contacts

Our Children's and Young People's Coordinators:

Little Warblers: Shirley Austin 01435 830722 shirleyaustin@btopenworld.com

Sunday Club: Jane Atherden 07923 488762 jane.atherden@gmail.com

TCWNN (Teenagers): Tony Welford 01435 812514 tonywelford@btinternet.com

Our Safeguarding Team members:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Currently Vivian Bower 01435 830204

vcb@warbleton.force9.co.uk

Rector: The Revd Marc Lloyd 01435 830421 marc_lloyd@hotmail.com

Jane Atherden: 07923 488762 jane.atherden@gmail.com

Sir Jeremy Cooke: 01435 830833 not2manycookes@icloud.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Team: 01273 421021 safeguarding@chichester.anglican.org

East Sussex County Council Contacts: Children

01323 464 222, or for out of hours calls 01273 335 906 or 01273 335 905

County Council Contacts: Adults

East Sussex Health and Social Care Connect: 0345 60 80 191 (8am to 8pm)

Sussex Police non-emergency number: 101

External national advisory and counselling organisations

There are a number of external organisations specialising in helping children and their families keep safe.

There are posters from two of them on our noticeboards:

Family Lives Helpline 0808 800 2222, a 9am-9pm Mon-Fri, and 10 am -3pm Sat-Sun service for advice, information and support on any aspect of parenting and family life.
www.familylives.org.uk

and Childline 0800 1111, a 9 am to midnight immediate counselling service founded by Esther Rantzen for both children and parents (www.childline.org.uk). There is a Childline app called Childline For Me (for mobile phones)

and then there is the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

Online Safety

Parents might like to be aware of the following websites which exist to help parents to keep children safe online and older children to keep themselves safe.

Thinkuknow, Parents Protect, UK Safer Internet Centre, Kidscape and Childline For Me (mobile app)

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any of my colleagues listed above if you have any queries or think we can help.

Marc Lloyd, Rector on behalf of the PCC.