

PARISH CHURCH - SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2019

This parish church - part of the Winsmoor Benefice - has formally adopted the Church of England House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy, "**Promoting a safer church**" which can be found in full here;

<http://winsmoor.blogspot.com/p/safeguarding.html>

and here:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-10/](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-10/Parish%20Safeguarding%20Handbook%20October%202018%20PROOF.pdf)

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Summary of the Policy

- We are committed to respectful pastoral ministry to all adults within our church community.
- We are committed, within our church community, to the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any pastoral responsibility within the Church, including the use of Criminal Records Bureau disclosures where legal or appropriate.
- We will respond without delay to any complaint made that an adult for whom we were responsible has been harmed, cooperating with police and the local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.

Who to Contact:

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