

**Benefice Information**  
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**Safe Guarding Information**



The Benefice takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people and adults who may be at risk: very seriously. We work in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury in accordance with best practice at all times.

**The Benefice Safeguarding Policy – Promoting Safer Churches**

The following policy was agreed at the joint Parochial Church Council Meeting of 26 May 2021

**In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, our churches are committed to:**

Promoting a safer environment and culture

Safely recruiting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults in the church

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 subjects of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

Responding to those who may be a present risk to others.

**The Parishes will:**

Create a safe and caring place for allegation

Have a named Safeguarding Officer (P.S.O.) for each church to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policies and procedures.

Safely recruit train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.

Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults in the name of the parish.

Display in church premises and on the benefice website, the contact details of the PSOs if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.

Listen to and take seriously all those who report abuse.

Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following the House of Bishops Guidance; including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (D.S.A.) and statutory agencies immediately.

Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse; when or where it occurred.

Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.

Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.

Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within the benefice community will agree to abide by this policy and guidelines

Current Safeguarding Officers for the Benefice named in the **Benefice Information** section.

Incumbent: Reverend Philip Elliott

# 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*

House of Bishops  
Safeguarding Policy  
for children, young  
people & adults

## IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

*that someone you know is at risk of, 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 or the Police without delay.*

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: CAROL...TIM...WEST  
Role: TEAM...RECTOR  
Tel: 01305...833142  
E-mail: weymouth\_ridgeway.rector@gmail.com

Name: REV...PHILIP...EMMETT  
Role: TEAM...VICAR  
Tel: 01305...459971  
E-mail: weymouth.west.ridgeway.vicar@gmail.com

Name: Mrs. Heather Brand  
Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Local Authority Social Services:

Dorset...County...Council...01305...221016

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

## OUR COMMITMENTS

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- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or 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.

## HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0800 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0800 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0800 800 2222
- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247
- Action On Elder Abuse: 080 8808 8141

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
[www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)

### Benefice Information

**Contacts Within the Benefice – unless otherwise stated, contact the Vicar: [wrc1@gmx.com](mailto:wrc1@gmx.com)**

Benefice Vicar	Philip Elliott	459971
Church	Church Wardens <i>01305 when contacting a landline</i>	Safeguarding Officer
St Laurence, Upwey	Maureen Carter      812723 Paul Suttcliffe      812521	Evelyn Price      812282
Holy Trinity, Bincombe	Robert Briney      814050 Judy Foot      889229	Judy Foot      889229
St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers	John & Helen Perrot      814708	John Perrot      814708
St Nicholas, Broadway	Anne Griffiths      07887986167 Susana Malik      07944617553	Lesley Wilkinson 07989453986
		<b>Diocese</b> <a href="mailto:safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org">safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org</a>
School	<a href="#">St Nicholas and St Laurence Primary School</a>	Main Office      812534
<a href="#">Upwey Bell Ringers</a>	Bell Captain: Mrs Andrea Jacob	813757

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