

Safe Guarding Information for the Four Churches



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 14 April 2019

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: Cavan, Tim, West
Role: Team Rector
Tel: 01305 833142
E-mail: waymouth_ridgeway.lector@gmail.com

Name: Rev. Philip Elliott
Role: Team Vicar
Tel: 01305 459971
E-mail: waymouth.west.ridgeway.vicar@gmail.com

Name: Mrs. Heather Bland
Role: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

See information below in Benefice section

Local Authority Social Services:

Dorset County Council, Dorset, 221016

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

OUR COMMITMENTS

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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: 0800 8808 8141

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding

Benefice Information

Contacts Within the Benefice – unless otherwise stated, contact the Vicar: wrc1@gmx.com

Title	Holder	Contact
Reverend	Philip Elliott	01305 459971
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	Holy Trinity, Bincombe	Judy Foot 01305 889229
	St Nicholas, Buckland Ripers	John Perrot 01305 814708
	St Nicholas, Broadwey	Susan Genge 01305 750028
Diocesan PSO	Mrs Heather Bland / Mr Jem Carter Diocesan Safe Guarding weblink	safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org
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