Devizes St John & St Mary

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
DIOCESE OF SALISBURY

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on.....2026

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within 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 subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy 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 undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) 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 this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mr Jerry King as its Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent ..... Heidi Mennett .....

Churchwarden .....

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Date ...27/5/26.....

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is:

Mr Jerry King
Wick Corner, Pans Lane,
Devizes SN10 5AP

Tel. 01380 723830 /
07907 951855

Safeguarding advice

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 999

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mr Jerry King: 01380 723830 / 07907 951855 *KingDevizes@aol.com*

The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers (job share)

First points of contact outside the parish for urgent safeguarding advice. Based at Church House, Salisbury

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors or a caseworker 01722 438651 and press option 2

safeguarding@salisbury.anglican.org

Suzy Futcher:	Monday – Thursday and on call Mon & Tue till 9pm	07500 664800
Jem Carter:	Tuesday - Friday and on call Wed & Thur till 9pm	07469 857888

Weekends Friday 5pm to Monday 8am service provider 'thirtyone:eight' 0303 003 1111

Administration: *safeguarding.admin@salisbury.anglican.org* 01722 438651 and press option 1

Other numbers

Adult Social Care Wiltshire: Mon – Thur 8.30 – 5.00, Fri 8.30 – 4.00: 0300 456 0111
Out of hours – Emergency Duty Service: 0300 456 0100

Wiltshire Vulnerable People's Partnership

Children: Integrated Front Door (IFD)

integratedfrontdoor@wiltshire.gov.uk
Mon-Thu 8.45 – 5.00, Fri 8.45 – 4.00: 0300 456 0108
Out of hours – 0300 456 0100
If there is immediate danger, phone the police or emergency services on 999

Adult: Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

Mon to Thur 08:30 - 17:00 or Fri 08:30 - 16:00 0300 456 0111
For help or advice outside of these hours: 0300 456 0100

Children & Young Persons

Service provider 'thirtyone:eight': 24hrs 0303 003 1111 24hrs
NSPCC: Help for adults concerned about a child. Mon -Fri 10.00 – 4.00 0808 800 5000
Childline: Help for children and young people 0800 1111

Domestic Abuse

National Centre for Domestic Violence (24 hrs): 0800 970 2070, text NCDV to 60777 for call back
Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (run by Respect)
FearFree Wiltshire (domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking): 9.00 – 5.00 0300 124 0927
Women's Aid – National Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (24 hrs) *https://womensaid*
Stop it Now! (child sexual abuse) 0808 1000 900 *www.stopitnow.org.uk*

Police

Ring 101 to report minor crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response
Ring 999 ONLY if concern is about immediate risk to life and limb

Others

Age UK Wiltshire formerly Age Concern: 0808 196 2424 Mon – Fri 10.00 – 2.00
Silver Line (Older people): 0800 470 8090 (24 hrs) – run by AgeUK
Hourglass (Abuse of older people): 0808 808 8141 24 hour
Wiltshire Mind (Mental health): 01225 706532 – leave a message