

The Parish of Saint George the Martyr, Queen Square (1703)

Safeguarding Policy

Promoting a Safer Church

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

1. Promoting a safer environment and culture.
2. Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and adults at risk within the church.
3. Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
4. Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
5. Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
6. 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 this policy and associated procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults at risk so they have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse. DBS checks are mandatory for all staff and volunteers in regulated activity with children, young people or adults at risk. All staff and relevant volunteers also receive appropriate safeguarding training.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on our website (sgtm.org) 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, young people and adults at risk 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, young people or adults at risk 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 regularly.
- 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.

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This policy will be reviewed annually and is available on our website and in church. It was approved by

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