

**ST PETER'S CHURCH FORSBROOK**  
**SAFEGUARDING POLICY FOR ADULTS**

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH FORSBROOK

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY ADULTS

"It is the Christian duty of everyone to recognise and support those who are identified as being more vulnerable. In supporting a vulnerable person we must do so with compassion and in a way that maintains dignity. Vulnerability is not an absolute; an individual cannot be labelled as 'vulnerable' in the same way as a child is regarded as such. Childhood is absolute: someone who is not yet eighteen years of age is, in the eyes of the law a child; this is not the case with vulnerability. Some of the factors that increase vulnerability include:

- a sensory or physical disability or impairment;
- a learning disability;
- a physical illness;
- mental ill health (including dementia), chronic or acute;
- an addiction to alcohol or drugs;
- the failing faculties in old age;
- a permanent or temporary reduction in physical, mental or emotional capacity brought about by life events, for example bereavement or previous abuse or trauma.

### Principles of the House of Bishops: Policy for Safeguarding Adults

"Principles underlying the Policy - Christian communities should be places where all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse. The Church is particularly called by God to support those at the margins, those less powerful and those without a voice in our society. The Church can work towards creating a safe and non-discriminatory environment by being aware of some of the particular situations that create vulnerability. Issues which need to be considered include both the physical environment and the attitudes of workers. A person who might be considered vulnerable has the right to:

- be treated with respect and dignity;
- have their privacy respected;
- be able to lead as independent a life as possible;
- be able to choose how to lead their life;
- have the protection of the law;
- have their rights upheld regardless of their ethnicity, gender, sexuality, impairment or disability, age, religion or cultural background.
- be able to use their chosen language or method of communication;
- be heard."

### ***Promoting a Safe Church: Policy for safeguarding adults in the Church of England (Page 15)***

In order to bring into focus those people for whom the Church should have a particular care this working definition may be helpful:

Any adult aged 18 or over who, by reason of mental or other disability, age, illness or other situation is permanently or for the time being unable to take care of him or herself, or to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation."

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect:

- We will not collude, keep secrets or make decisions when we have suspicion of abuse. We will seek through discussion the views of others and ensure through use of external agencies and the Diocese safeguarding service that we engage and welcome external perspectives in order to promote a healthy accountable culture.
- We will report without being biased to our personal view. We will report and not investigate.
- We will record concerns factually in diocese suggested formats (as per Recording with Care Policy 2017)
- We will not take chances with the welfare of vulnerable adults.
- We are open to scrutiny and encourage this in others.
- We have zero tolerance to abuse and put the welfare of vulnerable adults first.
- We take seriously training and activities relating to safeguarding of vulnerable adults and seek to engrain this in our congregational culture

### **Recognition and Responsibility**

The PCC commits to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.

The PCC has adopted the National and Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and is committed to following guidance and recommendations contained within these including the new Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance (2021).

The PCC will ensure that the Parish will report and record in line with Diocesan Policies and comply with local guidance for implementing national policies as defined in diocese policies. These include the Diocese Safeguarding Policy and Guidance (2017) as amended (2021), Recording With Care Policy, Social Media Policy and Safer Recruitment Policy; application of DBS and training policy as relating to safeguarding (revised 2022).

The PCC of St Peter's Church, Forsbrook will take all reasonable care to ensure the safety of vulnerable adults for whom it bears responsibility. The PCC understands that illness, disability, race, mental health and other issues can put adults in a position of vulnerability. We accept that these can be long term (ongoing), or temporary. The PCC commits to considering this in our adult activities and events – undertaking supervision of staff/volunteers and risk assessing activities and groups as a check and balance in our work.

The PCC commits to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.

The PCC will ensure all persons with leadership roles either professional or voluntary, all PCC members, church wardens, or anyone working with vulnerable adults will have appropriate enhanced DBS Checks, in order to identify any risks based on historic actions or behaviour. DBS Checks are now required to be updated every 3 years.

The PCC uses the Lichfield Diocese online system for DBS checks through thirtyone:eight for the processing of our staff, PCC members, church wardens and volunteers who require an enhanced DBS check.

The PCC will at a parish level seek to work alongside other faith groups and build/maintain communications locally. This shared collaboration will support us in achieving best practice.

The PCC commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.

The PCC commits to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.

The PCC will always strive to provide a safe, friendly and welcoming environment and will ensure full compliance with Health and Safety Guidelines.

The PCC will carry Public Liability and Employers Liability and will insure all leaders and staff for Personal Accident within the terms and conditions of the Policy issued by our insurers: Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The PCC require groups that are working with vulnerable adults:

- To agree clear roles for leaders
- Set up structures to train and support their leaders in their roles
- Agree statements of working practice
- Undertake risk assessments for group activities/outings/special events

The PCC undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.

The PCC is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.

### **The Parish Safeguarding Officer**

The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer will be:

- (1) Be accountable to the PCC, incumbent and church wardens and to report as required, but at least annually.
- (2) To respond to safeguarding concerns and liaise with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
- (3) To liaise with the leaders of groups involved with vulnerable adult work.

- (4) To be familiar with the leadership and activities of groups involving vulnerable adults.
- (5) To take responsibility for advising volunteers of policies and procedures involving safeguarding issues.
- (6) To ensure that all staff and volunteers working with vulnerable adults have completed all necessary documentation pertaining to their role within the church, including the online Disclosure and Barring Service checks, where applicable.
- (7) To ensure all staff and volunteers have completed the Safeguarding Training to the required level and maintain an up-to-date training record.
- (8) To be responsible for keeping an up-to-date list of existing leaders, volunteers and the groups they are involved in.
- (9) To ensure the confidentiality of all records and information regarding the Safeguarding Policy is held in securely in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation requirements.

### **Staff and Volunteer Responsibilities**

Validation: Leaders must be aged 18 or over when working with Vulnerable Adults, under 18's may assist with leadership roles but must be supervised at all times.

- For all paid staff and volunteer appointments the PCC will follow the safer recruitment process outlined in the Church of England Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance 2021.
- Applicants will be required to complete the Church of England Confidential Declaration Form – See Appendix I.
- Applicants will be required to complete an Application Form and provide two referees – See Appendix III and Appendix IV.
- Before appointment or the continuation of any appointment, applicants, dependent upon the role their role, may need to have an enhanced DBS Check carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service. Such applicants will need to complete the online DBS form. (It is the Church of England's Policy that all DBS checks are renewed after 3 years).
- All Applicants must accept and comply with St Peter's Church Safeguarding Policy for Adults.

## **Key Holders**

Only suitable and responsible people may become key holders and all key holders will be required to complete the Key Holder Declaration Form. (See Appendix II) References may be taken up in accordance with the Safer Recruitment and People Management Guidance. Access and usage of church buildings will be monitored as far as it is reasonably possible.

## **Administration**

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy for Adults can be viewed in the church office and on the Church's website at [www.stpetersforsbrook.org](http://www.stpetersforsbrook.org). Further information on Safeguarding can also be found online via the Lichfield Diocese website: [www.lichfield.anglican.org](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org).

The PCC will publish on the notice boards at the back of the church a copy of the Diocesan Safeguarding Flowchart. In addition, all validated leaders will be given a copy.

All group leaders will hold a copy of the current Safeguarding Policy. They will have the responsibility to ensure that all people working with vulnerable adults in their group have read the policy and follow the good practice procedures outlined.

In accordance with the Diocesan Social Media Policy the PCC will appoint a named person who will monitor all Facebook accounts or similar online groups set up on the church's behalf.

Following the Annual Church Meeting the new PCC will:

- (1) Review and update as required the Safeguarding Policy for Adults and the Parish Safeguarding Checklist
- (2) Be made aware of all new and existing leaders working vulnerable adults.
- (3) Appoint the Parish Safeguarding Officer

## **Record Keeping**

All records relating to safeguarding issues within the Parish will be retained for 75 years (in order to cover the likely lifespan of a survivor of abuse). Such records will be held in secure storage with restricted access on a 'need to know' basis.

To be able to identify and prove insurance cover in the event of claims made for damages by survivors of church-based abuse Insurance Certificates will be retained for at least a period of 75 years, (the likely lifespan of a potential victim).

Each group will be responsible for keeping appropriate records including an up-to-date register of leaders and vulnerable adults present. These records will include a log and if applicable, accident forms each time they meet.

All groups will complete a risk assessment for regular activities, trips or special events.

All records concerning vulnerable adults their leaders and their work is to be kept in a secure place, being aware that information is confidential and should remain so. All information should be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation requirements.

## **Training**

All staff and volunteers working with vulnerable adults will be required to complete the appropriate level of Safeguarding Training provided by the Church of England. This training is to be repeated every three years.

## **Listed Groups**

Currently the PCC is not responsible for any groups which include vulnerable adults

Groups who hire the Church Rooms will satisfy the PCC that they have a Safeguarding Policy, if they do not have their own policy, the PCC will present their own Safeguarding Policy for the group/s to adopt and implement.

## **Appendices**

Church of England Confidential Declaration Form

Keyholder Declaration Form

Volunteer Application Form

Model Reference Request Form

Volunteer Working Agreement

Parish Safeguarding Checklist

Useful telephone numbers

Flowchart – 'In the event of a Safeguarding issue in your Church'

## Appendix I Church of England Confidential Declaration Form

### **Church of England Confidential Declaration Guidance and Privacy Notice**

The Confidential Declaration must be completed by all those wishing to work with children and/or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect. It applies to all roles, including clergy, employees, ordinands and volunteers who are to be in substantial contact with children and/or adults experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect.

If you answer yes to any question, please give details, on a separate sheet if necessary, giving the number of the question that you are answering.

The Privacy Notice attached to this form (see page 5 onwards) explains how the information you supply in your Confidential Declaration is used and your rights with respect to that data as required by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (the “GDPR”) and the Data Protection Act 2018, (the “DPA 2018”).

If you do not complete this form, or if you do not give true, accurate and complete information in response to the questions it contains, this may amount to misconduct under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 and your appointment will not proceed.

1. Have you ever been convicted of or charged with a criminal offence or been bound over to keep the peace that has not been filtered in accordance with the DBS filtering rules<sup>1</sup>? (Include both ‘spent’<sup>2</sup> and ‘unspent’ convictions) YES / NO
2. Have you ever received a caution from the police (excluding youth cautions, reprimands or warnings) that has not been filtered in accordance with the DBS filtering rules<sup>3</sup>? YES / NO

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<sup>1</sup> You do not have to declare any adult conviction where: (a) 11 years (or 5.5 years if under 18 at the time of the conviction) have passed since the date of the conviction; (b) it did not result in a prison sentence or suspended prison sentence (or detention order) and (c) it does not appear on the DBS’s list of specified offences relevant to safeguarding (broadly violent, drug related and/or sexual in nature). **Please note that a conviction must comply with (a), (b) and (c) in order to be filtered.** Further guidance is provided by the DBS and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-filtering-guidance/dbs-filtering-guide>

<sup>2</sup> Please note that the ‘rehabilitation periods’ (i.e. the amount of time which has to pass before a conviction etc. can become ‘spent’) have recently been amended by the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012. Since 10 March 2014, custodial sentences greater than 4 years are never ‘spent’. For further guidance in relation to the ‘rehabilitation periods’, please see <http://hub.unlock.org.uk/knowledgebase/spent-now-brief-guide-changes-roa/>

<sup>3</sup> You do not have to declare any adult caution where: (a) 6 years have passed since the date of the caution etc. and (b) it does not appear on the DBS’s list of specified offences referred to in footnote 1 above. As of 28 November 2020, youth reprimands, warnings and cautions, are automatically filtered. **Please note that a caution etc. must comply with (a) and (b) in order to be filtered**

*Notes applicable to questions 1 and 2: Declare all convictions, cautions, warnings, and reprimands etc. that are not subject to the DBS filtering rules. Please also provide details of the circumstances and/or reasons that led to the offence(s).*

*Broadly, where your position / role involves substantial contact with children and / or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect (i.e. where you are eligible for an enhanced criminal records check) you will be expected to declare **all** convictions and / or cautions etc., even if they are 'spent' provided they have not been filtered by the DBS filtering rules.*

*Convictions, cautions etc. and the equivalent obtained abroad must be declared as well as those received in the UK.*

*If you are unsure of how to respond to any of the above please seek advice from an appropriate independent representative (e.g. your solicitor) because any failure to disclose relevant convictions, cautions etc. could result in the withdrawal of approval to work with children and / or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect. Although it is important to note that the existence of a conviction, caution etc. will not necessarily bar you from working with vulnerable groups unless it will place such groups at risk.*

3. Are you at present (or have you ever been) under investigation by the police or an employer or the Church or other organisation for which you worked for any offence / misconduct?

YES / NO

4. Are you or have you ever been prohibited and / or barred from work with children and/or vulnerable adults? YES / NO

*Notes applicable to question 4: You **only** need to mention if you have been placed on the DBS Barred List with regard to children and/or vulnerable adults if you will be taking up a position that involves engaging in "regulated activity" with children and/or vulnerable adults. If you are unsure whether the position involves "regulated activity" please contact the appointing organisation/person.*

5. Has a court ever made a finding of fact in relation to you, that you have ill-treated, neglected or otherwise caused harm to a child and / or vulnerable adult, or has any court made an order against you on the basis of any finding or allegation that any child and / or vulnerable adult was at risk of ill-treatment, neglect or other significant harm from you<sup>4</sup>? YES / NO

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<sup>4</sup> 'harm' involves ill-treatment of any kind including neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse, or impairment of physical or mental health development. It will also include matters such as a sexual relationship with a young person or adult for whom an individual had pastoral responsibility or was in a position of respect, responsibility or authority, where he/she was trusted by others. It also includes domestic abuse.

6. Has your conduct ever caused or been likely to cause ill-treatment, neglect or other harm to a child and /or vulnerable adult, and/or put a child or vulnerable adult at risk of ill-treatment, neglect or other harm? YES / NO

*Note: if you have answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, please give details here:*

7. To your knowledge, has there ever been an allegation made against you (whether substantiated or not) that your conduct has amounted to or resulted in ill-treatment, neglect or other harm to a child and/or vulnerable adult, or putting a child or vulnerable adult at risk of ill-treatment, neglect or other harm? YES / NO

8. Have you ever had any allegation made against you, which has been reported/referred to, and investigated by the Police/Social Services/Social Work Department (Children or Adult's Social Care)? YES/NO

*Note: if you have answered 'yes' to questions 7 and/or 8, please give details, which may include the date(s) and nature of the allegation, and whether you were dismissed, disciplined, moved to other work or resigned from any paid or voluntary work as a result:*

*Note: Declare any complaints or allegations made against you, however long ago (including Domestic Abuse). Checks will be made with the relevant authorities.*

9. Has a child in your care or for whom you have or had parental responsibility ever been removed from your care, placed by you in care, subject to child protection planning, subject to a care order, a supervision order, a child assessment order or an emergency protection order under the Children Act 1989, or a similar order under any other legislation? YES / NO
10. Has a child in your care or for whom you have or had parental responsibility ever been in the care of the local authority, or been accommodated by the local authority? YES / NO

11. If you are working from home with children, is there anyone who is 16 years of age or over living or employed in your household who has ever been charged with, cautioned or convicted in relation to any criminal offence not subject to DBS filtering rules<sup>5</sup>; or is that person at present the subject of a criminal investigation/pending prosecution? YES/NO/Not Applicable

If yes, please give details including the nature of the offence(s) and the dates. Please give any further details, such as the reasons or circumstances, which led to the offence(s):

*Note applicable to question 11: You are only required to answer this if you work from home with children. The DBS define home based working as where the applicant for the DBS check carries out some or all of his or her work with children or adults from the place where the applicant lives (this will include **all** clergy).<sup>6</sup>*

Please inform relevant members of your household that you have included their details on this form (if applicable) and give them a copy of the Privacy Notice.

*Note: All these matters shall be checked with the relevant authorities*

**Declaration**

I declare the above information (and that on any attached sheets) is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I declare that I have disclosed on a separate sheet any additional information I have which could be considered relevant to the questions in this Confidential Declaration.

After I have been appointed, I agree to inform my Bishop/Archbishop if I am charged, cautioned or convicted of any offence or if I become subject to a Police/Social Services/Social Work Department (Children or Adult’s Social Care) investigation.

Signed.....Full Name.....

Address.....

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Date.....

Please return the completed for to.....

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance>  
<sup>6</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-home-based-positions-guide/home-based-position-definition-and-guidance>

*Before an appointment can be made applicants who will have substantial contact with children and / or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect in their roles will be required to obtain an enhanced criminal record check (with or without a barred list check (as appropriate)) from the Disclosure and Barring Service.*

*All information declared on this form will be carefully assessed to decide whether it is relevant to the post applied for and will only be used for the purpose of safeguarding children, young people and / or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect.*

*Please note that the existence of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent a person from being appointed, it is only if the nature of any matters revealed may be considered to place a child and / or an adult experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect at risk.*

## **Privacy Notice**

This notice explains how the information you supply in your Confidential Declaration is used and your rights with respect to that data as required by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (the “GDPR”) and the Data Protection Act 2018, (the “DPA 2018”).

[Prior to use, the diocese/PCC/Church Body should amend as appropriate the areas highlighted. If you are unsure, please seek advice from your Data Protection Officer as appropriate]

### **1. Who I/we are**

[Insert name and address of data controller – this is the person/body who decides the purposes for which and the manner in which personal data will be processed. In the case of the Confidential Declaration, the data controller will depend on the nature of the position/role applied for, for instance, it could be the diocesan bishop, if clergy; or it could be a diocesan body, if a diocesan volunteer or employee; or it could be the PCC, if a parish volunteer. You should take advice from the lead contact in the diocesan office if you are unsure] am/are the data controller (contact details below). This means I/we decide how your personal data is processed and for what purposes.

### **2. The data [we/I] collect about you**

I/we collect your name and address as provided by you in the Confidential Declaration Form, and where applicable, relevant conduct data and/or criminal offence data (including allegations); barring data; court findings or orders.

We also collect the following information about other individuals living or employed in your household who are over 16 years old, where applicable (see section 3, headed “Purposes and lawful bases for using your personal data” paragraph 3):

- criminal offence data (including allegations); barring data; court findings or orders.

It is our expectation that you will inform these individuals that you have put their details on the CD form, and that you explain the reason for this.

### 3. Purposes and lawful bases for using your personal data

The overall purpose of the confidential declaration is to ensure that I/we take all reasonable steps to prevent those who might harm children or adults from taking up positions of respect, responsibility or authority where they are trusted by others in accordance with the Safer Recruitment: Practice Guidance (2016).

We use your data for the following purposes and lawful bases:

1. Appointing individuals to positions of respect, responsibility or authority where they are trusted by others.
2. For the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser to conduct a risk assessment where applicant discloses information on the form.
3. Collect information about members of your household for the purpose of undertaking a Disclosure and Barring Service check on them if you have applied for a role where you work from home with children.

It is the legitimate interest of [*insert name of the data controller*] to ensure that only appropriate individuals are appointed to certain positions, as established by the Promoting a Safer Church - House of Bishops Policy Statement (2017). We also need to be assured that no member of your household poses any risk.

It is also necessary for reasons of substantial public interest in order to prevent or detect unlawful act and protect members of the public from harm, including dishonesty, malpractice and other seriously improper conduct or for the purposes of safeguarding children and adults at risk. (Safer Recruitment Practice Guidance (2016)).

### Legitimate Interest Assessment

[I/we] have a specific purpose with a defined benefit	The processing is an essential part of safer recruitment, to ensure that individuals appointed to positions of respect, responsibility or authority where they are trusted by others are properly vetted and pose no risk to children, vulnerable adults or the wider public.
The processing is necessary to achieve the defined benefit.	Without processing this data, there would be no assurance that suitable individuals are being appointed.
The purpose is balanced against, and does not override, the interests, rights and freedoms of data subjects.	The risk of significant harm to others if inappropriate appointments are made outweighs the low risk to individuals of disclosing the data to us.

For a copy of the full Legitimate Interest Assessment, please contact us on the details included in section 7 headed “Complaints”.

#### **4. Sharing your data**

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with those involved in the recruitment/appointment process and, where appropriate, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. It may be shared outside the Church for the prevention or detection of an unlawful act; to protect members of the public from harm or safeguarding purposes, or as required by law, under Schedule 1, Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3 (as appropriate) of the Data Protection Act 2018, with the following:

- Police
- Children’s or Adults Social services in Local Authorities
- Statutory or regulatory agencies, (e.g. the DBS)

#### **5. Data Retention**

**[I/we]** keep your personal data, if your application is successful, for no longer than reasonably necessary for the periods and purposes as set out in the retention table below at the following link:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-10/Safeguarding%20Records-%20Retention%20Tool%20kit%20-Dec%2015.pdf>

If your application isn’t successful, your data will be held for 6 months after the recruitment process ends, and then destroyed.

#### **6. Your Legal Rights and Complaints**

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR or DPA 2018, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data: -

- The right to be informed about any data we hold about you;
- The right to request a copy of your personal data which we hold about you;
- The right to request that we correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary for us to retain such data;
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;
- The right to object to the processing of your personal data
- The right to obtain and reuse your personal data to move, copy or transfer it from one IT system to another. [*only applicable for data held online*]

## 7. Complaints

If you have any questions about this privacy policy, including any requests to exercise your legal rights, please contact us using the details set out below.

*[insert contact details]*

If you do not feel that your complaint has been dealt with appropriately, please contact *[Insert contact details of Data Protection Officer or equivalent position in the NCI/Diocese]*.

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office. You can contact the Information Commissioners Office on 0303 123 1113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

**APPENDIX II SAFEGUARDING FORM  
KEYHOLDER DECLARATION  
ST PETER'S CHURCH FORSBROOK**



Name of Church: St Peter's Church, Forsbrook

Reason for holding the key (role, group etc.):

Name of key holder:			
Address:		Phone No.:	
		Mobile No.:	
Post Code:		Email:	

**Before the keys/pass can be issued you are asked to sign the declaration below and acknowledge the conditions of issue.** This is to help carry out the policy of St Peter's Church to safeguard children, young people and adults who are vulnerable in its care. St Peter's Church is not obliged to give anyone access to church premises unless access to the premises is required as part of their role or for regular hire of the premises.

I have never been convicted or cautioned for any offence concerning children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Signed:

Date:

**These keys/pass/entry code are issued to you under the following conditions.**

1. You shall not have any copies made from the keys/pass.
2. These keys/pass should not be lent to anyone else.
3. On completion of your term of office or role, these keys/pass shall be returned to the Church Warden and not handed over to another person.
4. Where entry code numbers are given instead of a key/pass this information will not be given to anyone else.

I accept the above conditions of issue.

Signed:

Date:

**Keys Issued:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE RETAINED BY THE KEYHOLDER AND ST PETER'S CHURCH, WHERE IT WILL BE KEPT IN A SECURE AND CONFIDENTIAL MANNER.**

**NB. All information will be held in accordance with current General Data Protection legislation. Please see St Peter's Church Data Privacy Notice on the church website: <https://www.stpetersforsbrook.org>. This notice will inform you of your rights and provide information about how we hold and use your personal data.**

**APPENDIX III  
ST PETER'S CHURCH, FORSBROOK  
APPLICATION FORM FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS WITH CHILDREN AND/OR  
ADULTS EXPERIENCING, OR AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

**Application for the post of:**

Full Name	Previous experience of working with children or adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse or neglect -continue overleaf if necessary	
Date of birth		
Former Name		
Home address		
Postcode Telephone Day Evening Email:	Please provide two references one of which must be from current employer or previous church	
How long have you lived at the above address?		
If less than 12 months		
Previous address		
Postcode	Name	
How long there?	Address	
Church attended	Postcode	Tel:
Name of Minister	Name	
Relevant Qualifications/Training	Address	
	Postcode	Tel:
	Signed	
	Print name	
	Date	

**NB: All information will be held securely and in confidence, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. Please see St Peter's Data Privacy Notice on the church website for further information: <https://www.stpetersforsbrook.org>.**

**APPENDIX IV**  
**A Model Reference Request Form**

The Parish Church of .....

Name and address of referee:

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Date: .....

Name and address of incumbent or person requesting a reference

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Dear

**REQUEST FOR REFERENCE FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS WITH CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE, OR VULNERABLE ADULTS.**

(delete as relevant, except when all apply).

RE: Rev, Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms

Address .....

Post applicant applying for .....

The above has given your name as someone who may be contacted in relation to their application to work with children and young people or vulnerable adults.

Guidelines suggest that all voluntary organisations including churches must take steps to safeguard the vulnerable groups entrusted to their care. I would be grateful if you could comment on the following factors as they may apply to the applicant:

- previous experience of looking after or working with children, young people or vulnerable adults
- His/her ability to provide kind and consistent care
- evidence of His/Her willingness to respect the background and culture of children or vulnerable adults in their care
- His/her commitment to treat all children, young people or vulnerable adults as individuals and with equal concern
- Any evidence or concern that he/she would not be suitable to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults experiencing, or at risk of abuse/neglect.

Please use the questions attached to this letter for your reply. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

The incumbent or on behalf of the incumbent

Name of Applicant.....

How long have you known the applicant.....years

His/her previous experience of looking after or working with children, young people or vulnerable adults

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His/her ability to provide kind and consistent care

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Evidence of his/her willingness to respect the background and culture of children or vulnerable adults in his/her care

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His/her commitment to treat all children, young people and vulnerable adults as individuals and with equal concern

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Any evidence or concern that he/she would not be suitable to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults

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Signed.....Date.....

**N.B. All information will be held securely and in confidence, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. Please see St Peter's Data Privacy Notice on the church website for further information:**  
<https://www.stpetersforsbrook.org>

**APPENDIX V**

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**Working agreement including role outline (role description)**

**PARISH**

Name\_of\_Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for agreeing to work as \_\_\_\_\_ in part of our overall work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) puts a very high value on work with children, young people, vulnerable adults (*delete as appropriate*). The PCC intends to make sure that the appropriate resources and support are available from the Parish and from the Diocese and intends that no one should work unsupported.

These are the particular responsibilities of the volunteer's work that have been discussed with you in detail:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Working with children, young people and vulnerable adults is a big responsibility but it also brings enormous satisfaction.

The PCC hopes that you find this work rewarding. Any further questions that arise from time to time can be discussed with \_\_\_\_\_

Once a year \_\_\_\_\_ will meet with you to talk about the work, and if you wish to continue, we can discuss training opportunities so that there is an opportunity to continue to develop skills.

You acknowledge receipt and have read a copy of the Parish Safeguarding Policy for Children and Young People and the Safeguarding Policy for Adults (*delete as appropriate*) and understand who to contact and the referral procedures.

This agreement assures you of the continuing prayerful support of the Parish for volunteers and the work which is undertaken on our behalf.

Signature of Incumbent / Priest-in-Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Role) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
On behalf of the PCC.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Volunteer) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix VI



# Parish Safeguarding Checklist

- Has PCC adopted all House of Bishop's safeguarding Policies?
- Has the Parish appointed a Parish safeguarding Coordinator?
- Is Safeguarding a standing item on every PCC agenda?
- Does PCC report on safeguarding to the APCM?
- Have all lay volunteers to roles working with children and vulnerable adults been safely recruited, and do they have DBS checks as required?
- Are all church officers aware of safeguarding policy, guidance and trained for their role?
- Is there adequate insurance policy for all different activities undertaken in the name of the Parish?
- Is all relevant safeguarding information displayed in church and on parish website – including formal statement about safeguarding policy and contact details for Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser?
- Is there an appropriate policy in place to deal with safeguarding concerns or allegations?
- Have risk assessments been completed for all activities which operate in the name of the church?

## **APPENDIX VII**

### **Useful Telephone Numbers in relation to Safeguarding issues**

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joan Pritchard - Tel: 01782 395616  
Parish Priest: - Revd Jonathan Roberts – Tel 01782 437600

Senior Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser – Neil Spiring - Tel: 01543 306030  
Out of Hours emergency number – 0303 003 1111 (option 2). This number will take you through to Thirty One Eight (thirtyoneeight.org), formerly CCPAS) who will register your call and help you with your emergency.

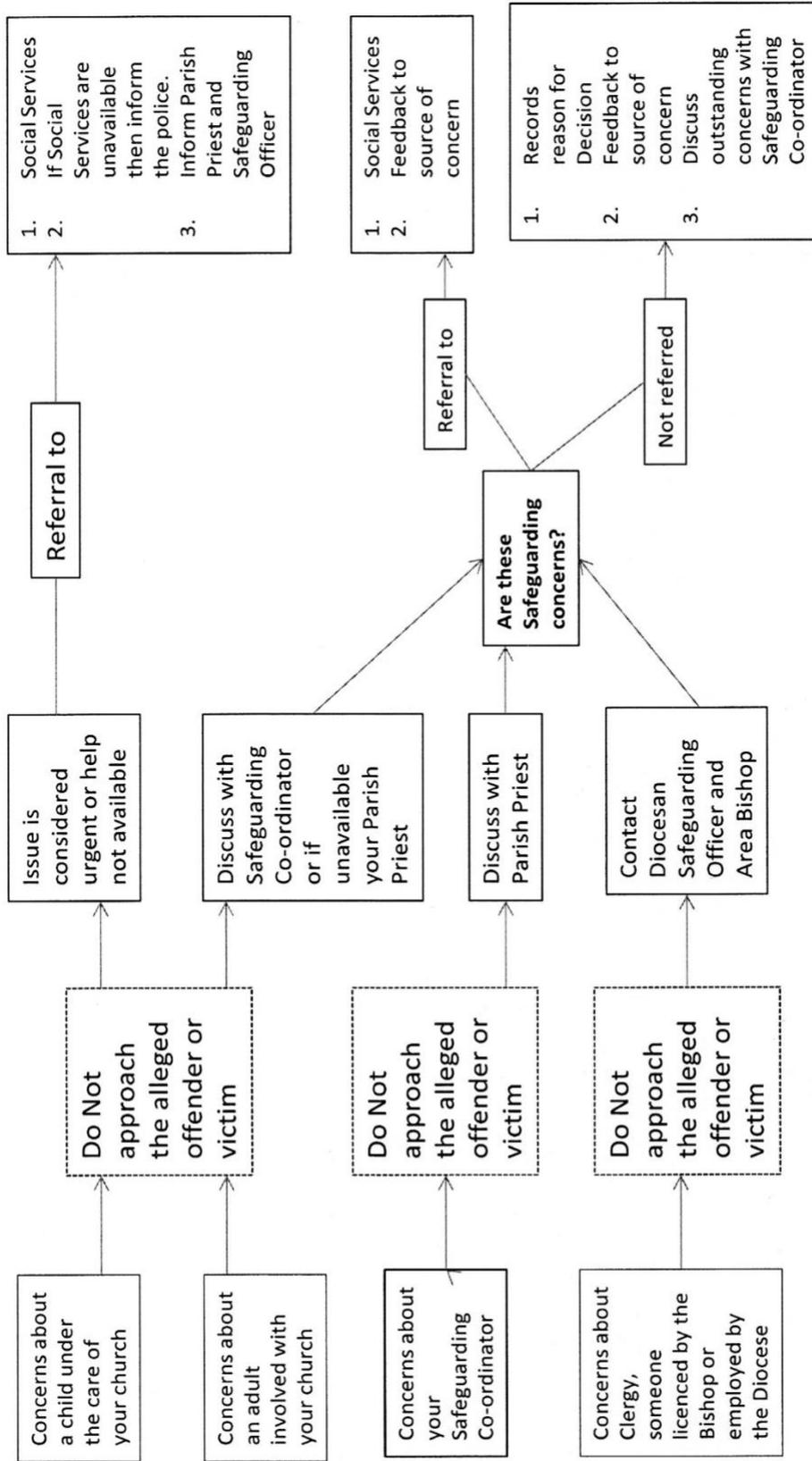
Area Bishop: : Rt Revd Matthew Parker – Tel: 01782 373308

Safeguarding Adults Phone Numbers  
Staffordshire/Stoke Adults 0345 604 2719  
Out of hours 0345 604 2719

Staffordshire Police: Tel: 101

Appendix VIII

IN THE EVENT OF A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE IN YOUR CHURCH



Safeguarding Co-ordinator..... Parish Priest.....  
 Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for children ...Kim Hodgkins 01543 306030....Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for Adults ...Sally Smith 01782 266066  
 Nearest Social Service Office..... Nearest Police Station.....  
 Areas Bishop.... The Rt. Revd.....