

Safeguarding at All Hallows

All Hallows is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Church follows the robust policies, procedures and guidelines set by the National Church, to ensure good practice throughout. We do this by adopting an annual Safeguarding policy and complying with Safer Recruitment of all volunteers and employees within the church.

All Hallows, Allerton Safeguarding Policy

Promoting a Safer Church

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) meeting held on: -

28rd April 2024

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 **Jean Hobbs** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Incumbent:Rev Canon Nicola Milford.....

Churchwardens:Shirley Spencer.....

Date:28rd April 2024.....

For further information or guidance please refer to the National Church’s safeguarding page <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding> or Liverpool Diocese Safeguarding website, <https://www.liverpool.anglican.org/safeguarding-matters>

If you have any concerns or issues of a safeguarding matter, please contact Rev. Canon Nicola Milford or Jean Hobbs, Parish Safeguarding Officer in the first instance, who will be happy to assist as appropriate.

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