



# Safeguarding

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children, Young People and adults at risk

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community.

**In the United Benefice of East Leake we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously.**

1. Promote a safe environment and culture.
2. Adopt and regularly review the House of Bishops' nation Safeguarding policies and practice. (Details available on the Church of England website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org))
3. Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church, including appropriate DBS checks.
4. Ensuring that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
5. Having a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
6. Display on church premises and on the parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
7. Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern and allegation.
8. Listen to and take seriously all who disclose abuse.
9. Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
10. Responding to and monitoring those who may pose a risk to others.
11. Caring for, whilst monitoring, those who are the subject of concerns and allegations.
12. Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and are reviewed annually.

**If you have any concerns, even if you think it may be nothing, please speak to:**

**Our Incumbent:**

Revd Tim Parker (07963 550964)

[tim@eastleakechurch.org](mailto:tim@eastleakechurch.org)

**Our Local Safeguarding Coordinator:**

Helen Livingston (07736 546755)

[safeguarding@eastleakechurch.org](mailto:safeguarding@eastleakechurch.org)

**Our Diocesan Safeguarding Advisors:**

01636 817200

[safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org)

**Other contact numbers: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Children's & Adult Social Care: 0300 500 8080 (out of hours 0300 456 4546)**

1. In an emergency, respond immediately. Call 999 for the emergency services.
2. Consult the leader of your group, or the Safeguarding Coordinator, or your incumbent.
3. Decide together whether to seek advice or to make an immediate referral.
4. Make a record of what happened, your concerns and your actions.  
Sign and date it and pass it on to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.