

## Sawley Parish Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Church

This policy was adopted and updated by Sawley Parish Parochial Church Council at their meeting held on 21st June 2023, and amended by the PSO on 3rd October. The procedure to deal promptly with any safeguarding concern or allegation (including any suspicion of abuse) is contained in the accompanying reporting flow chart.

This policy and procedure is to be reviewed annually.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. 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.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England  
*Protecting All God's Children, Promoting a Safe Church, Responding to Domestic Abuse, Responding Well to those who have been Sexually Abused, Safer Recruitment in the Church of England, The Parish Safeguarding Handbook.*

These can be viewed at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/policy-and-practice-guidance>

10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mary Phipps to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies, as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent: Reverend Anne Wilkins

Churchwardens: Joan Suiter, Pauline Porter

Date: 3rd October 2023

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