## People to talk to:

The Vicar or Priest

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•	Leader of your children's group

Parish Safeguarding Officer

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

• NSPCC 0808 800 5000 nspcc.org.uk

• Childline 0800 1111 childline.org.uk

 Additional guidance at: www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promotingsafer-church/policy-practice-guidance





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## How do we keep your child safe?



We want you and your family to feel safe in our church and to enjoy worshipping in our community.

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We check people's backgrounds (DBS check) and make sure they are suitable for the role. They have training on safguarding and caring for children.

Safely recruited and trained helpers and leaders

If you are concerned about anything which has worried or upset you or your child at home, school or church, please talk to the Group Leader, Parish Safeguarding Officer or our Vicar.

Space to discuss concerns or worries

This has information on how we keep people safe in our church. Do ask the Parish Safeguarding Officer if you would like to have a look.

A policy on how they safeguard children and vulnerable adults

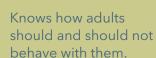
I heir role is have an overview of church activities and be a point of contact for parents and children.

A Parish Safeguarding Officer

How we keep your child(ren) safe

## It is important to us that your child feels safe and ...

Knows that their group leaders or parish safeguarding officers are people they can talk to about any concerns they have. These might be about home, school or church.







That their leaders may share information with you if they are worried about them.

That they can talk to the leader or parish safeguarding officer in the church.



That they should be able to ask questions and express their opinions about their faith and lifestyle without condemnation or judgement.

## What can you do as a parent?

- Talk to your child about what activities they do in their group.
- **Tell leaders** / parish safeguarding officers of any concerns you have.
- Take your child to their children's group and collect them.
- **Be aware** that you are responsible for your child before and after the children's group.
- This document https://bit.ly/2QSfvuz gives advice to parents when their children are in an out of school setting which includes Church of England communities like choirs.



