

Contact Details

Police 101 OR 999 in an emergency

Diocesan Safeguarding Manager

Ben Goodhind

T: 01749 588917 (*office hours only*)

ben.goodhind@bathwells.anglican.org

or via online reporting form

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/confidential-incidentconcern-form.php>

Emergency contact out of office hours

Ring the specialist organisation thirtyone:eight on 0303 003 1111 - 17:00 to 09:00
Monday to Friday, 07:00 to midnight on Saturdays and Sundays, bank holidays
and other absences

Rector: Rev. Katrina Dykes 07922 153765

rector@chewvalleysouth.org

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Gill Stobart 01761 221505

or 07763 968536 gill.stobart57@gmail.com

Local Council (Children): 01225 396111 or 01225 477929

Out of office hours Emergency Duty Team on 01454 615165

Local Council (Adult) 0300 247 0201 and select option 3

Helplines

NSPCC 24-hour Helpline: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

National Care Line (*support with elder abuse*): 0800 0699 784

Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010 327

Safe Spaces (*support for survivors of abuse*): 0300 303 1056

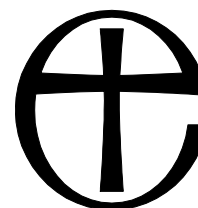
Family Lives (*support for families*): 0808 800 2222

NAPAC (*National Association for People Abused in Childhood*): 0808 801 0331

Stop It Now (*support with concerns of child sexual abuse*) 0800 1000 900

For further information please visit:

www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding



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Safeguarding Guide

What to do if you have a concern about a
child, young person or adult within the
church

Mission

The Gospel speaks of welcome for all, especially the most vulnerable, into a Church which affirms the value and dignity of every human and those in positions of responsibility and authority are truly trustworthy.

Being faithful to this therefore compels us to take with the utmost seriousness the challenge of preventing abuse from happening and responding well where it has.

If you have concerns about:

Children, young people and adults

If you have a concern about an individual's physical, sexual or emotional well-being it is **your** responsibility to seek advice and support from your Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)/ Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO).

Clergy, churchwarden, volunteer or other church officer

Any safeguarding concerns or allegations about any officer in the parish must be immediately reported to the DSO.

If you or someone close to you (e.g. a partner or someone you live with) becomes involved in any police or social services investigation, you must notify the DSO immediately.

A member of the congregation

Any safeguarding concerns or allegations must be immediately reported to the PSO/DSO.

Please be assured that all matters will be dealt with confidentially by the Church and reported to the police and/or social services as required to protect those who are vulnerable from harm.

Safeguarding

What to do if...

You have concerns about possible abuse (including allegations):

1. In an emergency, call emergency services 999.
2. Otherwise, consult your rector or parish safeguarding officer.
3. Decide together whether to seek advice or to make an immediate referral to police or care services (see back page).
4. Always contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser
5. Keep a record of what happened, your concerns and your actions.
6. Tell your parish priest or parish safeguarding officer.
7. Only tell others who need to know.

A child, young person or adult wishes to disclose they have been abused

1. Listen. Keep listening. Do not question or investigate.
2. Do not promise confidentiality; tell them we need to share this.
3. Assure them they are not to blame.
4. Tell them what you are going to do and that they will be told what happens.
5. Make careful notes of what is said, record dates, times, events and when you are told.
6. Report it to the person to whom you are responsible and your priest or safeguarding officer.
7. Only tell those who need to know.

Things to remember

1. Treat everyone with respect, setting a positive example for others.
2. Respect personal space and privacy.
3. Ensure any actions cannot be misrepresented by someone else.
4. Challenge unacceptable behaviour.
5. Do not put anyone, including yourself, in a vulnerable or compromising situation.
6. Do not have inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others.

7. You must not keep allegations or suspected abuse secret