



## The Parish of Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church

### SAFEGUARDING POLICY PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH



The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) meeting held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 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 **Carolyn Nicholson** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Incumbent

**Revd Canon Shanthi Thompson**

Churchwardens:

**Ian Fishwick**

**Richard Forsyth**

**Ann West**

Date:



## Safeguarding in the Parish of Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church



### Our Policy

The Parish of Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church has adopted the Church's policy (Promoting a Safer Church) that puts children, young people & vulnerable adults at the centre of our concerns, and we have adopted the safeguarding policy and guidance agreed by the House of Bishops.

Signed:  
on behalf of the PCC

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Who's Who in our Parish?

#### Our Vicar

The Revd Canon Shanthi Thompson  
07494704288

#### Pioneer Minister

The Revd Anne Underwood  
07908 873 906

#### Assistant Priest

The Revd. Ashley Henderson  
01539 736079

#### Anna Chaplaincy

Mrs Beverley Moore  
01539 721248

#### Our Churchwardens

Ian Fishwick    c/o church office 01539 721248  
Richard Forsyth    c/o church office 01539 721248  
Ann West    c/o church office 01539 721248

#### Our Parish Safeguarding Officer (for safeguarding concerns in respect of children or vulnerable adults)

Carolyn Nicholson  
07482210027  
email: [safeguarding@kendalparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kendalparishchurch.co.uk)

#### Who else can be contacted in an emergency?

Our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (DSO) is Jo Van Lachterop  
[safeguarding.adviser@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding.adviser@carlisle-diocese.org.uk) ( 07458 0168840)

Children – Children's Services on 0333 240 1727

Vulnerable Adults – our local Adult Social Services Office on 0300 303 2704