

Statement of Safeguarding Policy

**At the PCC meeting held on 13th May 2024, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of
St Nicolas, Great Bookham.**

**confirmed that it has adopted this policy statement which sets out our commitment to
safeguarding in accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy.**

The Church of England Policies and Practice Guidance is available at [Policy and practice guidance](#)
[| The Church of England](#)

As a PCC we are committed to the support, nurture and protection of all in our church community.

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 vulnerable 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.
- Following advice from the DSA support and manage the safe involvement of 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 procedures and risk assessments are in place for all activities 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.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer/s:

Name: **Roland Martin**

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Phone Number(optional): **07747 563634**

Our PCC Designated Safeguarding Lead (if Parish Safeguarding Officer not on PCC) is:

Name: **Anne Shears**

Our DBS Validator is:

Name: **Ruth Dyson**

Signed  Incumbent

Date 13 May 2024

Diocesan Safeguarding Team

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