



# **The Parishes of Ore**

## **St Helen's with St Barnabas and Christ Church Ore**



### **Safeguarding Policy**

**The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parishes of St Helen's with St Barnabas and Christ Church Ore ("PCC")**

**Safeguarding Officers: Suzy Edwards & Lucille West**

**Date of Policy: March 2024**

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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.

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- 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.
- Hold a Simple Quality Protects documentation for all groups to use in line with their recruitment processes and reporting of concerns. Including risk assessments.

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 Suzy Edwards & Lucille West as the Parish Safeguarding Officers

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Tim Bell

Churchwardens: Nick Warren, Simon Jones, Sue Worthing, Veronica Burt

Date: 04.05.23

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### Useful Contacts

Suzy Edwards – Safeguarding Officer for St Helen's with St Barnabas  
suzyrann@gmail.com

Lucille West – Safeguarding Officer for Christ Church Ore  
lucilleawest@gmail.com

Colin Perkins – Diocese of Chichester Safeguarding Advisor  
01273435792 / 07500771210 / colin.perkins@chichester.anglican.org

East Sussex County Council – Single Point Advice Team  
01323464222 / 0-19.SPOA@eastsussex.gcsx.gov.uk

Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS)  
08451204550

Childline  
08001111

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