

Safeguarding Policy

Statement of Intention

As the people of St Swithun's Church we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purposes for everyone. We seek to safeguard all members of the Church community, of all ages. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We therefore have safeguarding guidelines. A copy is available in the Church or from Safeguarding Officer Colin Clark. A statement on domestic abuse is also included. A full set of information is available online at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/ParishSafeguardingHandBookAugust2019Web.pdf> Any issues may be discussed with Colin or one of the Churchwardens, Linda Bennett-Smith or Chris Tucker.

Helpline numbers:

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Charlie Pitman 01392 345909

Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub: 0345 155 1071

Domestic abuse helpline: 0345 155 1074

CareDirect for all cases of abuse: 0345 155 1007

