

The Parish of Saint Joseph the Worker Church

SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2022

The following policy was agreed at the Annual Parochial Church Council (APCM) meeting held on Sunday 24th April 2022.

In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) and 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Diocese' (2018) our church is committed to the following statement:

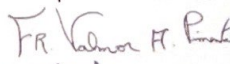

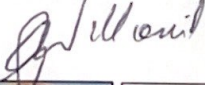
- Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect us from harm.
- We accept and endorse the principles set out in in safeguarding in the Diocese of London. We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
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- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in other paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The PCC of this church agreed and adopted the above policy at its meeting on 24th April 2022. We have appointed Jessica Osejindu as our Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) and vulnerable adults, Kate Brace as advocate for children and Sarah Trueman as the Children's Champion. Copies of "safeguarding in the Diocese of London" and any parish guidelines and any parish procedures are held by them and by the vicar, Fr Valmor Pimenta. The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place at the first PCC meeting following the APCM to be

held in 2023. **Incumbent:** Fr. Valmor Pimenta

Churchwardens: Patricia Nelson

Garth Williams



Jessica Osejindu
 Parish
 Safeguarding
 Officer and
 Vulnerable Adults
 07949 771902



Kate Brace
 Advocate for
 Children, Young
 people
 07595 953 471



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 Champion
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Promoting

a safer church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

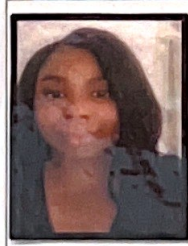
**House of Bishops
Safeguarding Policy
for children, young people & adults**

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

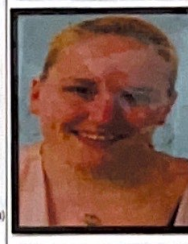
that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **Jessica Osejindu**
Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**
Tel: **07949 771902**
E-mail: **jessicaosejindu@gmail.com**



Name: **Kate Brace**
Role: **Advocate for children and young people**
Tel: **07595 953471**
E-mail: **kate100brace@gmail.com**



Name: **Lee Elliott**
Role: **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (Willowden Area)**
Tel: **020 7932 1224**
E-mail: **safeguarding@london.anglican.org**

Local Authority Social Services:
0208 825 8000

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

OUR COMMITMENTS

- Promoting a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse or other affected persons
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns/allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk.

HELPLINES

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Stop It Now: 0808 1000 900
- NAPAC: 0808 801 0331
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Family Lives: 0808 800 2222
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 8010 327
- National Careline: 0800 0699 784