

Safeguarding at St. Mary's

We want St. Mary's to be a welcoming and safe place for everyone. In particular we put an incredibly high value on the safety of our children and young people. As such all our volunteers are interviewed and DBS checked before being appointed.

Any ministry among young people is working towards keeping children and young people safe and sound. With this in mind, Leanne Cox is our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator and Disclosure Officer. Her role includes looking out for those at St. Mary's who may need support. She is also available to speak to about any issues or concerns you may have.

Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St. Mary-the-Virgin Dover has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability

- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed

- co-operating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation

- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse

- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them

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