



St Barnabas Church Swanmore

Sunday Club Adult Helper Role Description for Volunteer

The Church of England takes the safety of everyone within the church very seriously and expects that everyone will work within its safeguarding policy entitled **Promoting a Safer Church**.

In particular, the Church expects anyone who becomes aware of a safeguarding risk or of actual abuse, to immediately report it.

This Role Description is binding in honour only; it is not intended to create a legally binding contract between us and it may be cancelled at any time at the discretion of either party. Neither of us intend any employment relationship to be created either now or at any time in the future.

Principles

Workers with children, young people must have a commitment to:

- Treat individuals with respect;
- Recognise and respect their abilities and potential for development;
- Promote their rights to make their own decisions and choices, unless it is unsafe;
- Ensure their welfare and safety;
- The promotion of social justice, social responsibility and respect for others
- Provide Christian teaching, activities and courses for children and young people (under the age of 18)
- Raise awareness of Sunday Club Code of Practice and the expectations of children & young people.
- Confidentiality, never passing on personal information, except to the person to whom you are responsible, unless there are safeguarding issues of concern (e.g. allegations of abuse). Safeguarding issues of concern must always be reported in accordance with our parish procedure.

Key Responsibilities

- Liaising with the Sunday Club Leader before the session to find out the content and what preparation is needed.
- Undertaking any preparation prior to the teaching session or activity.
- Delivering the teaching, activity, course in line with agreed content.
- For activities held within the Sunday morning worship they are required to:
 - Arrive in time in order to help with any preparation and to set up the room.
 - Be aware, particularly in the Leads absence, that a Registration Form has been completed by parents or carers.
 - Be aware, particularly in the Leads absence, that a Parental Consent Form has been completed by parents or carers.
 - Be responsible, particularly in the Leads absence, for keeping a register of children & young people attending.
 - Be aware, particularly in the Leads absence, of the register of children & young people's individual needs, medical issues or allergies.
 - Ensure when new children or young people attend and the Lead is absent that a Registration Form and a Parental Consent Form are completed by parents or carers.
 - Ensure the register of children & young people's individual needs, medical issues or allergies and a register of children & young people attending is kept.
 - Join with other members of the congregation at the end of 10am service to receive blessing/communion and share learning from session.
 - Help to clear away materials, chairs, tables when the activity is finished.

- Look out for and welcome new children.
- To work with children & young people in a way that meets and develops their personal, spiritual and social needs, exercising active pastoral concern.
- To represent the needs and views of children & young people to the PCC or, where appropriate, enable them to do this for themselves.
- To maintain a link with parents and carers.
- To work in accordance with the church's policy on safeguarding.
- To undertake any other work that has been agreed and is seen to be appropriate.

Accountability

When carrying out the above responsibilities you will be accountable to the Sunday Club Leader, Vicar, and Church Wardens during vacancy and through them to the PCC.

Responsibilities of the Church

As a valued volunteer, you can expect the church:

- To provide a supportive, inclusive and positive environment that helps you to enjoy this role.
- To treat you with respect and courtesy.
- To provide you with appropriate training.

If you need any specific help or support, please speak to the person mentioned above.

Person specification

- Be a regular worshipping member of St Barnabas Church Swanmore
- Able to demonstrate an ability to work with children & young people
- Be a role model for our children & young people in church and also outside of church.
- Have been recruited in line with St Barnabas Church Swanmore's Safer Recruitment Procedure.
- Attend occasional meetings with the Sunday Club Leader and the rest of team.
- Be responsible for their personal learning and development by completing on-line and/or face to face training courses run by Portsmouth Diocese.
- Agree to working within Diocesan Guidelines for good practice for working with children & young people.
- Be aware of their responsibility to safeguard children and young people and to report any concerns about the abuse of a child or young person to the Sunday Club Lead and Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

DBS Check

This role requires an Enhanced DBS check. This check will be renewed every three years, unless avoided by subscribing to the on-line DBS update service.

Safeguarding Training

This role requires completion of the following safeguarding courses. The highest module level, Basic Awareness, should be refreshed every three years.

- Basic Awareness.

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