National Safeguarding Standards

Our Parish is committed to the Five Standards

1 Culture, Leadership and Capacity

Church bodies have safe and healthy cultures, effective leadership, resourcing and scrutiny arrangements necessary to deliver high quality safeguarding practices and outcomes.

2 Prevention

Church bodies have in place a planned range of measures which together are effective in preventing abuse in their context.

3 Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk

Risk assessments, safety plans and associated processes are of a high quality and result in positive outcomes. The assessment and management of risk is underpinned by effective partnership working.

4 Victims and Survivors

Victims and survivors experience the timeliness and quality of Church bodies' responses to disclosures, and their subsequent support, as positively meeting their needs, including their search for justice and helping their healing process.

5 Learning, Supervision and Support

All those engaged in safeguarding related activity in Church bodies receive the type and level of learning, professional development, support and supervision necessary to respond to safeguarding situations, victims and survivors, and respondents, effectively.

WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS?

- Broad statements of what the Church of England wants to achieve in its safeguarding work.
- Each one has several 'What Good Looks Like' Indicators, to identify strengths as well as areas for development.
- They are constructive development of good safeguarding practice, **NOT** a compliance-based exercise.
- The Standards and their indicators have been developed over a three-year period, working with dioceses, cathedrals, parishes and victims and survivors.
- They were approved nationally in 2023.
- A series of online tools and resources have been developed – **churchofengland.org/safeguarding-standards**

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