



Safeguarding at St Andrew's, Barnt Green and St Michael's and All Angels, Cofton Hackett

We at St Andrew's and St Michael's are committed to ensuring that we offer a sincere welcome within a safe environment for all who belong and worship with us. We are dedicated to creating a welcoming and safe place for all who wish to encounter God and join as part of our Church family.

Ensuring a safe environment means that we pay particular attention and take special measures to protect those who are particularly vulnerable such as children, young people and vulnerable adults. We have policies for each of these groups and these policies can be found under the **Policies and Privacy Notices** tab on our website. We take the safety of everyone very seriously and expect that everyone will work within the church's safeguarding policies. As parish churches we have due regard for all the procedure and guidance documents produced centrally by the Church of England (including the Parish Safeguarding Handbook).

Although we have particular people who bear formal responsibility for safeguarding, 'the care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of the whole church' (Promoting a Safer Church, 2017).

Reporting a Concern

If you are concerned about a child, young person or a vulnerable adult, please contact one of the following:

Vicar:

Tel: **0121 445 1269**

Andy Hobbs

E-mail: hobbsrev@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Tel: **07547 267746**

Diane Milford

E-mail: safeguarding@chandbgparish.com

Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor: Steph Haynes

Tel: **07342 993844**

E-mail: StephH@cofebirmingham.com

HOWEVER, if you need immediate advice and can't wait to get in touch with any of the above, please call the duty social care team: -

Local Authority Social Care (Children): 01905 822666 Out of Hours: 01905 768020

Local Authority Social Care (Adults): 01905 768053 Out of Hours: 999 or 101

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 8005000

Elder Abuse: 0808 8088141

If the situation is not safe and someone is in danger or needs immediate help call the police

Police: 999 for emergency 101 (non-emergency)