



The Diocese of
Southwark

A Safe Church

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults
who may be vulnerable and responding to domestic abuse



St Peter's Church takes the safeguarding of all those who may be at risk of harm and neglect very seriously, and follows the procedures, policies and guidelines laid out by the Diocese of Southwark's 'A Safe Church' manual.

We are committed to promoting and supporting environments which:

for children and young people

- Are youth-friendly and child-friendly and nurture their positive development
- Enable them to be active contributors to the church community
- Protect them from actual or potential harm

for adults who may be vulnerable

- Encourage adults who may be vulnerable to lead as independent a life as possible, to choose how to lead their life, and to be active contributors to the church community
- Protect adults who may be vulnerable from actual or potential harm

for those suffering domestic abuse

- Recognise equality amongst people and within relationships
- Refuse to condone any form of abuse and to protect those from actual or potential harm

for all people:

- Enable and encourage concerns to be raised and responded to openly and consistently
- Ensure all people feel welcomed, respected and safe from abuse

Why does safeguarding matter in a Christian community

Jesus talked of the kingdom of God belonging to children; he gave them status, time and respect.

Jesus also showed himself to be compassionately on the side of those without power, reaching across social barriers with the inclusive love of God.

A Christian approach to safeguarding children, adults who may be vulnerable and those in abusive relationships therefore asks both individuals and communities to create a safe environment for them, to act promptly on any complaints made, to care for those who have been abused in the past, and to minister appropriately to those who have abused.

We are committed to reviewing our policy and procedures annually.

You will find a copy of 'A Safe Church' in The Church Vestry and the Parish Office

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers for this church are:

Charlotte Twomey

Joanna Mullin

To speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers, please call the Parish Office on 01883 712512 or leave a message with your contact details and we will get a Safeguarding Officer to contact you as soon as they can. All messages or calls about Safeguarding to the Parish Office are confidential.

Any concerns should be raised with the Parish Safeguarding Officers, the Rector or Churchwardens