

## **Safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults**

### **Parish safeguarding policy**

The parish of St John's takes the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. In line with Diocese of Southwark requirements St John's has adopted the House of Bishops' 'Promoting a Safer Church; safeguarding policy statement'. This was discussed and agreed formally at the Parochial Church Council meeting on 13 March 2019. Here is a link to the current edition of 'A Safe Church'.

<https://southwark.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-policies-and-procedures>

### **Church contacts in relation to safeguarding**

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### **Diocesan Safeguarding Team contacts**

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### **Agencies providing help with child and adult safeguarding issued**

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.

Child-line: 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.

Samaritans Helpline: 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 080 8808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9 to 5pm).

Surrey Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 0300 470 9100 (9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday).