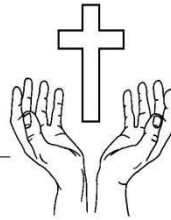


Sharing God's Love

St Luke's, Brislington



St Luke the Evangelist

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PROMOTING A SAFE CHURCH VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY SUMMARY

- We are committed to respectful pastoral ministry to all adults within our church community.
- We are committed, within our church community, to the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any pastoral responsibility within the Church, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service where legal or appropriate.
- We will respond without delay to any complaint made that an adult for whom we were responsible has been harmed, cooperating with police and the local authority in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.
- Our Policy is based on and drawn from guidance provided by the Church of England document Promoting a Safer Church.

POLICY ON THE SAFEGUARDING OF ADULTS IN THE CHURCH

This statement was updated and adopted by St Luke's Church at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 2th May 2023

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable and follow the diocesan policy on safer recruitment that was adopted by St Luke's Church in 2017..
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. We expect any organisations and individuals using our premises to recognise this policy and to commit to safeguarding the lives of any vulnerable adults they work with or relate to.
10. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
11. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Mrs Rosemary Spada as Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent: in Vacancy.

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