

# St Pauls Church Safeguarding Policy

St Pauls Church welcomes those of all ages to the church. Child and Adult safeguarding guidelines and policy are followed as set out by the Southwark Diocese. The current policy document 'A Safe Church' is available online via the Southwark diocese website:

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

It is the aim that adults and children feel safe and welcome when they attend church and that opportunities are provided for people to talk about something they may be experiencing or disclose something they may need help with. The parish safeguarding officer and the Vicar are contactable for advice and support, details are on parish noticeboards or via the parish office.

**We take the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously at St Paul's church.**

**Our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sue Russell can be contacted on 07949 667606 and [suehrussell@sky.com](mailto:suehrussell@sky.com)**

**and our Vicar, Luke Wickings can be contacted on 07983 398984 and [luke.wickings@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk](mailto:luke.wickings@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk)**

**Royal Borough of Kingston Adult Access and Safeguarding Team 020 8547 5005  
Royal Borough of Kingston SPA – Single point of Access for Children  
Monday – Friday 8am-6pm 020 8547 5008 Out of Hours 020 8770 5000**

- **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 9-5pm).

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020 7939 9423 Mobile 07982 279713 (for urgent matters out of hours)

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