

St Paul's Church Safeguarding Policy

St Paul's Church welcomes those of all ages to the Church, and we take the safeguarding and care of children and vulnerable adults very seriously.

Child and Adult safeguarding guidelines and policy are followed as set out by 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. Please see below for contact details and these are also available on the parish noticeboards or via the parish office.

If a child or adult is in immediate danger, call 999. In non-emergency situations, please refer to the parish, diocesan, local and national contacts below.

Parish and Diocesan contacts

Our Parish Safeguarding Officers are **Sue Russell** (07949 667606) and **Natalie Loible** (07586 589543) who can both also be contacted at safeguarding@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk

Our Vicar is **Rev Jen Houghton** and can be contacted on 07933 004460 or revjenhoughton@gmail.com

Safeguarding referrals / general enquiries can be made to the **Diocesan Safeguarding Team** at safeguarding@southwark.anglican.org or 0207 939 9441 (9am-5pm, Mon-Fri)

Local and national contacts

Royal Borough of Kingston Adult Access and Safeguarding Team

[Report a concern about an adult – www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)

020 8547 5005

Royal Borough of Kingston SPA – Single point of Access for Children

[Concerned about a child? – www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)

020 8547 5008

(Monday – Thursday 8am-5.15pm, Friday 8am-5pm)

Out-of-hours Duty Social Worker

020 8770 5000

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline

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

Childline

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

0800 0699 784

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