

PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or adults at risk.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.

Please refer to the **Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement, Diocesan Safeguarding Policy Promoting a Safer Diocese (2018)** and the National Church's **Safeguarding Policies** and **Parish Safeguarding Handbook** for more information.

Vicar: Rev Sarah Guinness

Churchwarden: Sheila Underwood

Safeguarding Officer: Carol Fletcher

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Children's Champion: Tipi Turner



**Carol Fletcher,
Church Safeguarding
Officer**

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.

**You can contact her on: 020 8568 2079 or email
carol@parishofbrentford.org.uk**



**Tipi Turner,
Children's Champion**

The Children's Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.

**You can contact her on: 020 8568 7442 or email
tipi@parishofbrentford.org.uk**

The following team members have completed safeguarding training: Clergy, Staff Team, Sunday School Helpers, Sunday School Leaders, every member of the Parochial Church Council, Youth team leaders. **The following team members have completed First Aid training:** Claude Lobo, Tipi Turner, Quentin Bradley, Sarah Guinness, Chris Curry and Joann Cheung

Important telephone numbers:

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: 020 7932 1224
safeguarding@london.anglican.org

Thirtyone:Eight's 24-hour helpline: 0303 003 1111

Family Lives: 0808 800 222 Childline: 0800 1111



We are proud to be members
of the Children's Charter.