



Saint Lawrence Church
Stratford sub Castle



SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE ADULTS (2022)

POLICY STATEMENT

(To be read in conjunction with 'Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Adults at Risk in Wiltshire – Published July 2019 by Wiltshire Safeguarding Adults Board)

St. Francis, Hope and St Lawrence Churches are committed to respectful pastoral ministry of all adults within their church communities.

- We are committed, within our church communities, 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 (DBS) disclosures 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 seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.
- 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.

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.

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.

These churches appoint Karen Scott (for St Francis and Hope Church) and Karen Robinson (for St Lawrence Church) to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies

This statement was adopted by St.Lawrence (Parish) at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 15th November 2022

Vicar Revd. Canon Jean de Garis

Associate Vicar Revd. Sarah Wood-Roe

Churchwarden Chris Lush

Churchwarden John Walsh

Safeguarding Rep. Karen Robinson

This policy will be reviewed each year and any changes made in the light of current legislation or diocesan recommendations.

Adopted November 2022

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