



Whitefriars Church, Rushden

Key Information for all volunteers working with children, young people and vulnerable adults

OUR CHURCH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Golden Rule is:

All relationships with children and young people will be kept open, observable, readily understood, and shared with more than one responsible adult. All work with young people must be well supervised, and the people doing it must be carefully selected, well trained, and properly advised of their child protection duties.

Our Safeguarding Policy and Good Practice Guidelines

The full documents are available on our website www.whitefriarschurch.org.uk or may be obtained from the staff or churchwardens

Useful Telephone Numbers

Whitefriars Church

Rev Chris Youngman, Vicar (01933 551769)

Mrs Celia Underwood, Parish Safeguarding Officer (01933 676989)

Peterborough Diocese

Mr Garry Johnson, Safeguarding Officer (01733 887041);

Rona Orme, Diocesan Children's Missioner (01604 887000)

Lead Agencies

Social Services – All Areas and Out of Hours – Option 1 (0300 126 1000)

Social Services – Adult Care Team – Option 2 (0300 126 1000)

NSPCC – Freephone National Helpline (0808 800 5000)

Childline (0800 1111)

Police – 24 hours (101)

Public liability and other insurances for all our activities are held with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. To view a copy of the schedule, please contact Sharon Clarke on 01933 412785.

OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS' COVENANT

Leaders and helpers can expect:

- To undergo a DBS check (and Diocesan declaration);
- To receive help & support in being a leader/helper, as agreed with group leaders;
- Any safeguarding concerns that they raise to be responded to in a supportive way;
- To be prayed for regularly;
- To be invited to be involved in planning and reviewing of groups;
- To have the opportunity to attend other training courses;
- Their work to be covered by the church's insurance policy;
- Not to be out of pocket as far as expenses are concerned
- To be treated with respect and in line with the organisation's policies on e.g. equal opportunities, health and safety

Leaders and helpers are expected:

- To carry out their role in a way that is consistent with the Christian faith. This includes being a positive role model in the way that they behave, and by seeking to live out and demonstrate a clear Christian lifestyle;
- To be a worshipping member of Whitefriars Church (or another Christian church - the involvement with Whitefriars to be with the agreement of their vicar);
- To be accountable to their group leader and the Vicar;
- To comply with the church's safeguarding policy, and to attend training sessions as required;
- To give reasonable notice if they wish to stop being a leader/helper; or are unable to fulfil their agreed commitments.
- The volunteer will abide by the organisation's objectives and its equal opportunities, health and safety, confidentiality and other policies.