POLICY FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Parish of Great Amwell with St Margaret's and St Andrew's in the Diocese of St Albans

This policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 27th March 2023

1. We are committed to implementing a Safeguarding children policy and accepting the house of Bishops policy. And to be responsive to local parish requirements.

2. We will review and endorse the Safeguarding policies annually so that all new members are aware of their responsibilities.

3. The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.

4. We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or young person for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed.

5. This parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigation.

6. We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or young person who has suffered abuse.

7. We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.

8. The PCC acknowledge its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice guide: Safer Recruitment.

We have appointed as our Great Amwell with St Margaret's Parish Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Lyn Paddon   Tel: 01920 487717   Mobile: 07990904590
We have appointed as our St Andrew's Parish Church Safeguarding Officer
Mrs Michele Ross   Tel: 01992 302279

Signed   Incumbent…………………………..   Churchwardens………………………………

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Children's services: Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser:
Hertfordshire 0300 123 4043   Jeremy Hirst 01727 818107/07867 350886
Central Bedfordshire 0300 300 8142   safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org
Bedford Council 01234 267422

Police
Non-emergency   101   CHILD LINE   08001111
Emergency 999   PARENT LINE   0808800222
                                                                 (NB Now called Family Lives)