

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:

Derek Winterburn

Churchwarden:

Gwyneth D Lloyd



ANNALEA GRATTON

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:

077 7576 4419 or

gratton@springgrove.hounslow.sch.uk



LOU COAKER

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 8979 2040 or

lou.coaker@hotmail.co.uk

Important telephone numbers

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: **020 7932 1224**

Richmond Safeguarding: **020 8547 5008**

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.