

Parish of St Mary's, Albury

Policy for the safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

The following was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 21st April 2026:

- (a) We aim to maintain the highest standards in all Church's contacts with children and any vulnerable adults and we fully recognise our responsibilities to them.
- (b) We will ensure that all who work with children or vulnerable adults are properly appointed, trained and supported.
- (c) We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or vulnerable adults for whom we have responsibility may have been harmed.
- (d) We will cooperate fully with all statutory agencies in every situation.
- (e) We will seek to ensure that any child or vulnerable adult who has suffered or may suffer abuse will receive any pastoral or other care as necessary.
- (f) We will care for and supervise any members of our Church community in the case of children known to have offended against a child and in the case of vulnerable adults known to have offended against a vulnerable adult.
- (g) We will review and endorse our safeguarding policies annually so that all members of the PCC are aware of their responsibilities.
- (h) We will ensure that at all times we have an appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer whose details will be put on our Church Notice Board and website.

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Appendix to Safeguarding Policy for Children and Vulnerable adults

1. Useful contact numbers and email addresses:

(a) Priest in Charge: Tayo Wale-Falope 01279 842609; muchhadhamrectory@gmail.com

(b) Church Warden: Venessa Ripsher 01279 771205 ; vanessaripsher@gmail.com

(c) Parish Safeguarding Officer and DBS Lead Recruiter: James Williams 01279 842805; james@booandjames.co.uk

(d) Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Jez Hirst 01727 818107 or 07867 350886;
safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org

(e) Hertfordshire County Council Children's Social Care (for concerns about a child or to request support): 0300 1234043

(f) Hertfordshire Police: 101

(g) Childline: 0800 1111

(h) Family Lives: (formerly Parentline Plus): 08080 800 2222

2. Useful websites:

(a) www.stalbansdiocese.org/safeguarding

(b) www.cofe.org/protectingallgodschildren