

SAFEGUARDING

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This Statement was adopted by St Cuthberts Parish Church at a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 29th April 2019

As members of this parish we commit ourselves to care for one another safely.

We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as being at risk at some stage in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:-

- the safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their wellbeing in the life of this church
- promoting safe practise by those in positions of trust
- promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk
- recruit safely following the recognised procedures

- supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children, young people and adults who may be at risk

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, sexual, emotional, financial and spiritual abuse. We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints **NORMA HINSON** as the parish safeguarding officer.

This policy is reviewed each year and affirmed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Incumbent - Rev'd J.McDermott

Churchwarden - Mack Hetherington

Churchwarden - Lesley Young

Date - 29th April 2019

For further information, please go to the Diocese of Newcastle website:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding

For The Church of England's National Safeguarding Information please go to:
www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding

Download the Church of England's survivor leaflet 'you will be listened to' for more information and help on how to report abuse within the Church:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/documents/survivor-leaflet-you-will-be-listened

Contact details of organisations outside the church who can help:

- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** 0808 2000 247 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
- **Samaritans Helpline:** 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** 080 8808 8141 (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm).
- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** 0808 800 5000 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
- **Child-line:** 0800 1111 (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.