



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

The Benefice of Balby,
Loversall and Wadworth

safeguarding

policy

PROMOTING
A SAFER
CHURCH



**The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on
11th September 2019 (Wadworth with Loversall)
22nd September 2019 (Balby)**

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.

- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

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

Please also see <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf>

This church appoints *Sharon Fung* as the **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Incumbent *Revd Alun Price*

Churchwardens *Dr Duncan Mackenzie (Wadworth),
Martin Lord (Wadworth), Zarish Nadeem (Balby),*

Date: 22nd September

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: Sharon Fung. Role: Parish Safeguarding Officer
Tel: 01302 536073. E-mail: sharonfung603@gmail.com

Name: Revd Alun Price. Role: Vicar
Tel: 01302 851974. E-mail: fatheralun@yahoo.co.uk

Name: Linda Langthorne Tel: 01709 309151
Role: *Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser*

Name: Cheryl Henry-Leach Tel: 01709 309155
Role: *Diocesan Safeguarding Assistant Adviser*

Church House Reception (if no response on direct lines)
01709 309180

**For out of hours urgent safeguarding advice
Thirtyone:eight on 0303 003 11 11**

Local Authority Social Services:

Children - 01302 737777

Adults - 01302 737391

In the event you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child or adult, call 999 and ask for police