

# The PCC of St Martin's Sherwood SAFEGUARDING POLICY



St. Martin's  
Sherwood

Trevose Gardens, Sherwood  
Nottingham NG5 3FU

*The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 6 Feb 2025  
Amended to show new PSO Alison Rogers 2026.*

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

- Creating and promoting a safe environment and culture that includes everyone and respects everyone's needs and abilities
- 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.
- Maintain appropriate levels of privacy and confidentiality at all times.
- 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.

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Alison Rogers [safeguarding.stmsherwood@gmail.com](mailto:safeguarding.stmsherwood@gmail.com)

*We refer all safeguarding information to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team who can be contacted for advice via email - [safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org),*

*or by phone 01636 817200, or via the website - <https://southwell.anglican.org/contact-safeguarding/>*

*St Martin's Church office for non urgent contact - 0115 6487789 (phone is checked twice a week)*

**If there is immediate risk or danger call 999, or the police on 101 for a non-emergency situation**

Revd Sue Pendenque ( 07916 012975)

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Chris Morris, Church Warden (07757 966836)

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