

Safety Matters- Safeguarding

Our Benefice churches aspire to be places where people of all ages and backgrounds can be welcomed and feel comfortable joining in worship or other activities.

To ensure that young people and vulnerable adults are protected from any undue risks, there is a Safeguarding Policy for the five parish churches in our Benefice.

This is based on the Chichester Diocesan guidelines for keeping everyone safe during events arranged under the auspices of the churches. The policy covers areas such as appropriate recruitment procedures for adult volunteers and the way we run "Messy Church" meetings for young people. The policy is posted on each of the churches' noticeboards and is reviewed annually.

We are supported by the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, and have access to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer for consultation when needed.

If anyone has concerns or needs further information, or would like to discuss specific issues, please contact the Benefice's Safeguarding Officer, Christine Skinner by telephone 01323 646350 or 07813 382580, or by email: christine.skinner2@sky.com, or contact a churchwarden or clergy.