

The Lightwave Community SAFEGUARDING POLICY - PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Lightwave Community Council (LCC) meeting held on 20th September 2022.

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy the Lightwave Community 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 Community will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Lightwave Community Safeguarding Officer (LCSO) 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 Officer (DSO) 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.

This church appoints **Revd Tiffer Robinson** as the Lightwave Community Safeguarding Officer (LCSO)

Signed on behalf of the Lightwave Community Council



The Ven Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission

Date: 20th September 2022

Safeguarding in the Lightwave Community – who's who?

*[leaders should complete or delete sections not applicable and display both pages prominently at meetings where possible]

The Leader of Lightwave

Archdeacon for Rural Mission, Sally Gaze 07446 933129

Lightwave Group or Hub Leader

Revd Andy Buttress 07749 265571

The Lightwave Community Safeguarding Officers

Helen Smith 07485 329224

helen.smith@bridgecommunities.org.uk

The team of licensed laity

Alex South alex.south@bridgecommunities.org.uk

Derek Ramsey derek.ramsey@bridgecommunities.org.uk

Rob Collett c/o_admin@bridgecommunities.org.uk

Employed staff

Daniel Goodwin (Youth Worker) 07903 040285

Tami Hunt-Pickering (Administrator) admin@bridgecommunities.org.uk

Who co-ordinates work in your group related to children, young people, adults at risk (e.g. Sunday School, youth club, visiting team, transport)?*

Daniel Goodwin 07903 040285

Alex South (Pastoral Team Leader) alex.south@bridgecommunities.org.uk

Who will you talk to if you observe or are told about Safeguarding concerns?

Helen Smith 07485 329224

Andy Buttress 07749 265571

Lightwave Community Safeguarding Officer

Revd Canon Tiffer Robinson
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Leader of Lightwave, Archdeacon for Rural Mission

The Ven Sally Gaze
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Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

Karen Galloway
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Karen Galloway (Diocesan Safeguarding Officer) is available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

If you need safeguarding advice outside of these hours please contact Customer First

Adult Social Care 0800 917 1109 Children's Social Care 0808 800 4005