

SAFEGUARDING

“Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from their creation in God’s own image and likeness. Christians have a duty to value, understand and respect the rights of children and adults as people of faith in the life of the church, and to protect them from harm.”

Diocese of Bristol 2018

The Draycot Benefice accepts and endorses the principles set out in the Diocese of Bristol Safeguarding policy and seeks to follow its guidance and procedures. These can be found at <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/safeguarding-resources>

The parishes of the Draycot Benefice are committed to encouraging an environment where all people, and especially those who may be vulnerable, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey in safety. As a Christian community it is the responsibility of every one of us to protect those who are less able to protect themselves.

In each church you will find a green folder which holds up to date copies of our safeguarding policies. If you would like a copy of the current benefice safeguarding policy please contact our Administrator on office.draycotchurches@gmail.com

Draycot Benefice Safeguarding Team

Our Benefice Safeguarding Office is Katherine Bloomer **01249 721569**

Each parish has a designated Children’s Safeguarding Representative – their contact details are advertised in each church.

St Peter’s, Kington Langley – Christine Stables

All Saint’s, Sutton Bengier – Liz Townend

All Saints’, Christian Malford – Ginette Hughes

St Mary’s. Seagry – Julia Harle

St Giles, Tytherton Kellaways – Alica Davey

If you have any concerns relating to domestic violence you can speak in confidence to Katie Brown **07775255685**. Please note that Katie is a volunteer providing a listening ear, not a counselling service.

Our Benefice Safeguarding Officer or Children’s Representatives are the first people to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or adult with vulnerability.

If you would prefer to speak with someone outside the Draycot Benefice please contact:

Bristol Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: Adam Bond

0117 9060100 (Out of Hours - Churches Child Protection Advice Service Helpline 0303 003 11 11)

(please ensure that you tell them that you are calling from the Diocese of Bristol)

If you are worried about a child or an adult and believe that they are in immediate danger, you must contact the police on 999.
