

The United Church of St Mark, Tattenham Corner Safeguarding Policy

The following policy was agreed at the Ecumenical Church Council (ECC) meeting held

On 13th July 2026

This policy statement actively underpins all safeguarding work within the church.

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

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Adopt and implement the House of Bishops' safeguarding policy and practice guidance.
- Adhere to the Anglican and Methodist Church Safeguarding Policies.
- 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.

[Promoting a Safer Church](#) sets out the Church of England's commitment to making the church a safer place for all.

The United Church of St Mark fully agrees with the Connexional statement reiterated in Creating Safer Space 2007:

As the people of the Methodist and Anglican Church we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual.

We seek to safeguard all members of the church community of all ages.

The Policies and Practice Guidance apply to all Church bodies and officers. All authorised clergy, bishops, archdeacons licensed readers, Local Preachers and lay workers, church wardens Stewards and PCCs/ ECCs are required by section 5 Clergy Disciplinary Measure to have "due regard" to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops.

The Policy Statement, Policies, Practice Guidance and Protocols are available to view on the diocesan website at [Safeguarding - Diocese of Guildford](#) together with the Parish Handbook. Guidance and policies for the Methodist Church can be found at [Safeguarding in the Methodist Church](#)

The ECC/ Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the ECC 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.

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer is

1. Mel Bracey

E-mail: safeguarding@stmarkschurch.me.uk

Phone Number: 07852117100

Incumbent

Churchwardens

Date

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (Case Management)

Vicki Boxall E-mail safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk Phone [01483 790379](tel:01483790379)

Once the safeguarding policy form has been read and signed please save the file and return it to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team by submitting it at safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

The signed copy must be displayed clearly on the church notice board and it is recommended that it is made available on the Church Website



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Minister

In Vacancy safeguarding@stmarkschurch.me.uk

St Mark's Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Mel Bracey. safeguarding@stmarkschurch.me.uk 07852117100

Keith Nelson 01737 212458

Diocesan Head of Safeguarding & Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

Vicki Boxall safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk 01483 790379

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Natasha McMillian safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk 01483 790379

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser

Joanne Belton safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk 01483 790379

DBS and Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Marzena McCann marzena.mccann@cofeguildford.org.uk 01483 790354

Methodist District Safeguarding Officer

Claire De Stefano destefanoc@methodistchurch.org.uk 07799 900472

Methodist Superintendent

Rev Catherine Hutton catherine.hutton@methodist.org.uk 07498 205570

Social Services

The SPA (Single Point of Access) responds to initial enquiries about children, young people and adults. The SPA is based at Guildford Pavilion and acts as the front door to children's services in Surrey and provides residents and people who work with children in Surrey with direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find the appropriate support for children and families. Available: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday Phone: **0300 470 9100**. Out of hours phone: **01483 517898** to speak to our emergency duty team. Email: emails are dealt with during normal office hours. For concerns for a child or young person: cspa@surreycc.gov.uk For concerns for adults: asc.infoandadvice@surreycc.gov.uk 0300 200 1005

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. The LADO manages allegations against individuals who work or volunteer with children in Surrey. If you have a concern regarding someone who works with children contact the Surrey County Council LADO 0300 123 1650 or LADO@surreycc.gov.uk

Police

In Emergency.....999

Non-critical emergency.....101

General

Epsom General Hospital.....01372 735735

ChildLine..... 0800 1111

Family Lives 0808 800 2222

Surrey Against Domestic Abuse YourSanctuary 01483 776822

Mental Health Services Mental Health Crisis Helpline 0300 456 8342