

Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk

Totnes St Mary's with St John's Bridgetown

**The following policy statement was agreed at the PCC
meeting held on 8th September 2015**

As members of the PCC we commit our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. We recognize that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church community. We are fully committed to acting within current legislation, guidance, national frameworks and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and procedures. We will also act in an open, transparent and accountable way in working in partnership with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Children and Adult Social Care Services, the Police, Probation Services and other agencies to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. We welcome staff and volunteers who are recruited in accordance with House of Bishops' Interim Guidelines on Safer Recruitment 2013. This means we will ensure that those who are employed or who volunteer to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are suitable for the role, that they know what the role entails and that they are supported in carrying it out.

- Persons within the PCC and this Parish who hold formal responsibilities and the prime duty of care for safeguarding are:

The Rev'd. Julian Ould Team Rector

**Safeguarding
officer**
**Elizabeth
Waterson**
01803 849345



ChildLine 0800 1111

Helpful Numbers

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor	Christine Hindle	01392 345909
Assistant Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser	Sarah Miller	Tel: 01392 345910
CCPAS (Churches Child Protection Advisory Service) Helpline – (state you are calling from Exeter Diocese) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week		0845 1204550
CHILDLINE		0800 1111/text 1098
PARENTLINE PLUS		0808 800 222
NSPCC helpline (for those affected by abuse)		0800 3895344
Police (all non-emergency enquiries) PCSO		101 Jason Vasey 07971290297 Gemma Finch 07704520641
Children and Young Peoples Services (CYPS Social Care for Exeter and East Devon)		01392 384444
Out of Hours for CYPS Emergency Social Work Team (5pm-9am, weekends and public holidays)		0845 600388
NHS 111 service - Non Urgent Health Care		111