The Parish Church of St Mark, Broomhill and Broomhall

PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church 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 Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) 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 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 vulnerable 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.

Resources for Policy Implementation

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church and the national Church of England, in particular the Code of Safer Working Practice and Safer Activities and Environment Guidance found at this link:
Church of England Policy and Practice Guidance

This church appoints Duncan Lennox as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.
Signed on behalf of the PCC by:

Date: 15th September 2026
Signed



Beth Keith Vicar

Stuart Bennett
Churchwarden

Frances Gray Churchwarden

Review Date: September 2027

St Mark's Safeguarding Team
Incumbent: Revd Beth Keith
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Duncan Lennox m. 07422575765
Safeguarding Administrator /DBS Lead Recruiter: Hannah Jones
Domestic Abuse Officer: Bek Hampson

Diocesan Safeguarding Team:
Siân Checkley, Safeguarding Adviser
07741 013775, **sian.checkley@sheffield.anglican.org** (Monday – Thursday)
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07874 859062, **rachel.tankard@sheffield.anglican.org** (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9am – 3pm)
Ven. David Gerrard, Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham,
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Safeguarding Children and Adults

As members of the Church of England we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to safeguard all members of the church community, of all ages. It is the responsibility of each one of us to protect children and young people from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, and from neglect. If you have a concern and feel you would like to speak to someone in confidence, you can contact:



Duncan Lennox (he/him)
Safe Church Officer
07422 575765



Bek Hampson (they/them)
Domestic Abuse Officer
Safeguarding Lead for Open Communion
via office@stmarkssheffield.co.uk



Hannah Jones (she/her)
Safeguarding Administrator and
DBS Lead Recruiter
07483 332091



Helena Roulston (she/her)
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helena@stmarkssheffield.co.uk
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