

## Parish of St John the Evangelist, Meads, Eastbourne

As members of this PCC we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members. We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to implementing all safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the House of Bishops. We will carefully select and train all those who work or volunteer in positions of trust. We will use the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.

We will respond, without delay, to every concern made that a person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed. We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community. We will seek to ensure that anyone for whom we have pastoral responsibility who has suffered abuse is offered support that meets their needs.

We will respond appropriately to those who have committed sexual offences who wish to join our fellowship, following House of Bishops' guidance and the advice of the Safeguarding Team.

We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service, are up to date.

Our Safeguarding Representative is:  
Jorj Kowszun



Our Safeguarding Lead Recruiter is:  
Brian Richards



Jorj or Brian can be contacted via the Church Office on 01323 738671

The diocese and Safeguarding Advisor is Colin Perkins who can be contacted on:  
Tel: 01273 425792 / 07500 771210 or email: [colin.perkins@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:colin.perkins@chichester.anglican.org)

If you are worried about a vulnerable adult, please contact Adult Social Care East Sussex Council on: Tel 0345 60 80 191 - 8am to 8pm 7 days a week including bank holidays.

Their address is:

Health and Social Care Connect (formerly Social Care Direct),  
St. Mary's House, 52 St Leonard's Road,  
Eastbourne,  
East Sussex BN21 3UU

Parents and children should be aware of the following resources:

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> (call 0800 1111)

Kidscape - <https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

*For Me*, the ChildLine app, is available from - <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/for-me/>

The Diocese of Chichester has its own Safeguarding Site:

<https://safeguarding.chichester.anglican.org/>

A copy of this safeguarding document can be found in the Cloister of St John's Church,  
Meads:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>