

## The Parish of St Alban's, Tattenhall Safeguarding Policy

### Promoting a Safer Church Statement by The PCC

We take our duty and obligation to safeguard and protect all people extremely seriously, and we have adopted the national Church of England's robust safeguarding procedures and guidelines. The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of the whole Church. If you or anyone you are in contact with would like to talk with someone independently, or if you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please call one of the following helplines, or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay:

- **St. Alban's Safeguarding Officer:** Ruth Morgan 01829 771841
- **Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser:** Sean Augustin-Wood  
01928718834 Ext 259
- **Cheshire West Children's Services:** 0300 123 7047 (i-ART)
- **Cheshire West Adult Services:** 0300123 7034
- **NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000
- **Childline:** 0800 1111
- [Safe Spaces](#) helpline on 0300 303 1056 or  
email [safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk).

### Our Commitments:

- 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 St. Alban's Policy is in line with the Church of England national policy and can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-05/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf>

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## **St Alban's, Tattenhall Safeguarding Policy**

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**

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

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
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- 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 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.

This church appoints : **Ruth Morgan** as the Parish Safeguarding Officer  
Incumbent **Fr Lameck Mutete**  
Churchwardens **Ruth Morgan, George Richards**

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