

## **The Guild Church of St Botolph's without Aldersgate**

### **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

### **PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH**

#### **Preamble**

- 1.1 St Botolph's is a Guild Church. It is one of 16 churches within the City of London having a particular status under the City of London Guild Churches Act 1852. It has no parish. It resides within a parish. The vicar is independent of the incumbent of the enlarged parish in which the Guild church lies. Guild churches seek to make special provision for the spiritual needs of weekday workers in the City of London.
- 1.2 St Botolph's believes the historic Christian Faith as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and expounded by the 39 Articles and General Councils accepting that only Holy Scripture is the supreme authority for God's self-revelation, Father Son and Holy Spirit. It believes all conciliar statements are subject to the judgment of Scripture and God has yet more light and truth to break forth from His word.
- 1.3 The present ministry consists of Aldersgate Talks and Moorgate Talks providing lunchtime expositions from the Bible with the purpose of explaining the Christian Message. This ministry is supplemented with small groups (Partnership Groups) that meet to study the Bible during the week, 1:1 Bible Studies with individuals, and Christianity Explored courses designed for those that wish to know what the Bible teaches about the gospel.

The following policy was agreed at the Guild Church Council (GCC) meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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 Guild Church Safeguarding Officer to work with the incumbent and the Guild Church Council to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and *vulnerable* 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 Guild Church.
- Display in church premises and on the Guild Church 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 and with respect to Vulnerable Adults.

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- 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.

### Emergency Contact Details

*In an Emergency where a child or a vulnerable adult is in immediate danger ring 999*

#### City of London

- Telephone **Children's Services** : 020 7332 3621 (9.00am- 5.00pm, Mon – Fri)
- Email: **children.duty@cityoflondon.gov.uk**. Secure email: **Children.Duty@cityoflondon.cjsm.net**.
- Out of hours: 020 8356 2710.
- Email: [emergency.duty@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:emergency.duty@hackney.gov.uk).

For an adult who lives in the City of London call: 0207 332 1224 - Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm only  
Email [social.services@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:social.services@cityoflondon.gov.uk). 0208 356 2300 - for all other times, including weekends and Bank Holidays

#### Diocese of London Safeguarding Team Contact Details (updated 7 July 2025)

Helpline number is 020 7932 1224 Web Site with further information please see Safeguarding <https://safeguarding.london.anglican.org/the-team/who-we-are> Address: 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU.

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