

**The Diocese of Carlisle**  
**The Church of England in Cumbria**  
Parish Church of St. Thomas, Crosscrake, Kendal

**SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

**PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH**

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 20/11/2019.

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 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 policies 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 adequate insurance cover for all activities involving children, young people 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 the House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and other statutory agencies.
- 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 safety of all those involved.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the safeguarding policy, procedures and practices annually.

Each person who works within our church community must agree to abide by this policy and any guidelines created by our church.

This church appoints – Julie Blackburn as the parish safeguarding officer.

Incumbent – Mat Ineson

Church wardens - Marlene Little & Mike Critclow