

Appendix I



PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of St Marylebone with Holy Trinity, St Marylebone

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 22nd September 2020.

In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements '*Promoting a Safer Church*' (2017) and '*Protecting All God's Children*' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy '*Promoting a Safer Diocese*' (2018) our parish church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Recruiting safely and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and Adults at Risk of Harm 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 Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) 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.

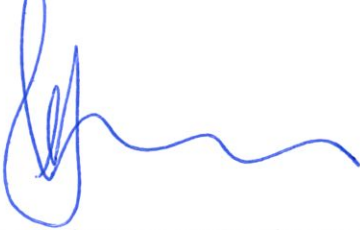
We have appointed **Claire Southern** as our Church Safeguarding Officer (CSO) and **Adekunlé Adigun** as our Children's Champion and **Jo Sumpter** as our Adults at Risk of Harm Champion.

Copies of our Safeguarding Framework and Appendices together with "Safeguarding in the Diocese of London" are held by the parish office. These documents can also be found on our website www.stmarylebone.org

The PCC shall review this policy annually.

The next review will take place at the first PCC meeting following the APCM to be held in 2021.

Signed:



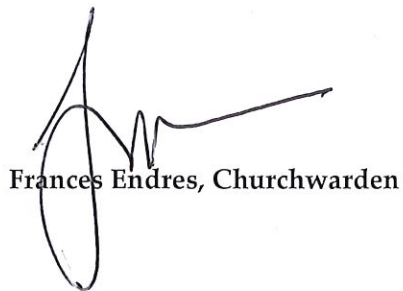
The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Evans, Rector of St Marylebone



Michael Emeka Onah, Crown Warden



Elise Ormerod, Churchwarden



Frances Endres, Churchwarden

22nd September 2021