

## St Nick's Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk

- Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or vulnerable adults.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- We have adopted the policies 'Promoting a Safer Diocese' (2018) and the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' as well as our own 'St Nicholas Cole Abbey Centre for Workplace Ministry Safeguarding Policy'.

Minister in charge: Name ..... CHRIS FISHLOCK ..... Signature: .....  .....

Trustee: Name ..... ANDREW WALES ..... Signature: .....  .....

Trustee: Name ..... TRICIA OWUSU-SEKYERE ..... Signature: .....  .....



### Rev Chris Fishlock, St Nick's Minister in charge

The Minister is the **first person to speak to** if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult. You can contact him on: [chris@snca.co.uk](mailto:chris@snca.co.uk)



### Frank Owusu-Sekyere, St Nick's Safeguarding Officer

The person to speak to if you cannot reach the Minister, or if there is a concern about the Minister. Contact him on: [safeguarding@snca.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@snca.co.uk)



### Mikey Williams, Champion for Children and Adults at risk

Here to be an advocate for all children and adults at risk at St Nick's, and the best person to speak to about administrative matters. You can contact him on: [mikey@snca.co.uk](mailto:mikey@snca.co.uk)

All St Nick's team members and trustees have completed safeguarding training, along with a number of the church family.  
**Team:** Rev Chris Fishlock, Rev Tom Wright, Tom Barnardo, Carrie Fishlock, Nick Mackay, Suzie Normanton, Marie-Christine Wenz, Alyssa Williams, Mikey Williams.

**Trustees:** Greg Brisk, Tom Evans, Tricia Owusu-Sekyere, Richard Tett, Andrew Wales.

**London Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers:** 020 7932 1224 [safeguarding@london.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@london.anglican.org)

**Thirtyone:Eight** (formerly CCPAS) 24-hour helpline: 0303 003 1111

**NSPCC:** 0808 800 5000

**Family Lives** (formerly Parentline): 0808 800 2222

**Childline:** 0800 1111

**NAPAC** (for adult survivors of childhood abuse): 0808 801 0331

**Domestic Violence Helpline** (for females) 0808 2000 247

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