

SAFEGUARDING, HELP AND SUPPORT

St Denys Church firmly believes all people are made in the image of God, and we seek to show the same love, care and respect for **all** whether or not a regular member of our congregation.

Anyone might find themselves in need at some stage in their life. St Denys may be able to offer help or can suggest other avenues where help and support may be found.

Pastoral

Pastoral help or support can take many forms. The clergy team at St Denys provide pastoral support or can assist in finding other support if needed. If you would like to speak to a member of the Clergy please visit our contact page for details.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is at the heart of our Christian faith and means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture in all our churches” (Archbishop Justin Welby, 2018)

Safeguarding is being aware of others and their needs. This means challenging situations where needs are not being met, or where individuals of any age are being, or appear to be being, abused in any way.

St Denys Church takes its responsibilities surrounding the safeguarding of children, young people and adults who may be at risk very seriously, and works in partnership with the Diocese of Salisbury to ensure that we work in accordance with best practice at all times. The Parochial Church Council has formally adopted the Church of England’s House of Bishops’ **‘Promoting a Safer Church Policy Statement’ Safeguarding Policy Statement’** as our Safeguarding Policy and this can be viewed and downloaded from

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf>

If you have any safeguarding questions or concerns you can contact our Parish/Benefice Safeguarding Officer, Philip Short on 01985 213224 or 07906 067155 email sylviaandphilip@virginmedia.com Alternatively you can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Heather Bland on 07500 664800 or email heather.bland@salisbury.anglican.org

Other useful contacts:

In an emergency call 999

If you are concerned that a child could be at risk of harm contact:

Wiltshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for children 0300 456 0108

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

If you believe an adult is at risk of harm contact **0300 456 0111**