

Safeguarding and Hire of Church Premises Organisations

The Parochial Church Council of St Matthew's with St Lukes has a Policy for Safeguarding Children. A copy can be obtained from the office. Your booking agreement is conditional upon you complying with it unless you already have an equivalent policy of your own.

You are required to ensure that children are protected at all times, by taking all reasonable steps to prevent injury, illness, loss or damage occurring; and that you carry full liability insurance for this.

In particular this means that:

- you will comply with the attached guidelines for working with children and young people unless you already have an equivalent
- you will provide the church with a copy of your organisation's Safeguarding Children policy, and review and update it annually
- you will recruit safely all current paid and voluntary workers who work in regulated activity with children, by obtaining satisfactory disclosures from the Disclosure and Barring Service where available, and keeping records of dates and disclosure numbers indefinitely
- you will keep a list of the names of all paid and voluntary workers with regular and direct contact with children and update it annually
- you will always have at least two leaders over the age of 18 years in any group of children and young people, no matter how small the group
- no person under the age of 18 years will be left in charge of children of any age
- no child or group of children or young people should be left unattended at any time
- a register of children attending the activity will be kept. This will include details of their name, address, date of birth and next of kin
- you will immediately (within 24 hours) inform the Parish Safeguarding Officer of:
 - (a) the occurrence of any incidents or allegations of abuse or causes of concern relating to members or leaders of your organisation, and contact details for the person in your organisation who is dealing with it
 - (b) any known offenders against children seeking to join your membership, and manage such allegations or agreements with offenders in co-operation with statutory agencies, and with the church.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Lukes Church is:

Name:Maddie Buchanan.....

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Declaration

I agree to abide by appropriate safeguarding procedures. I understand that my booking agreement may be terminated in the event of my failing to comply with these procedures.

Signed Designation

Organisation Date

Please sign two copies, one to be retained by the church, and one by the organisation.