



Safeguarding Policy of St Cuthman's, Whitehawk

- The members of the PCC of St Cuthman's Whitehawk are committed to safeguarding, nurturing and caring for our members and all those we come into contact with in our ministry.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone.
- We carefully select and train all those who work or volunteer within the church's ministry. We use the Safer Recruitment system as recommended by the Diocese of Chichester for all those who will be in a position of trust. We use the Disclosure and Barring Service, to check the background of anyone doing any qualifying ministry with children or vulnerable adults.
- We are committed to implementing all of the safeguarding policies and practice guidance issued by the Diocese of Chichester and the Church of England.
- We will respond promptly to every concern raised about a person for whom we are responsible or whom we minister may have been harmed.
- We will co-operate fully with all statutory agencies during any investigation that may concern a member of our church community.
- We will seek to ensure that anyone who has suffered abuse and for whom we have a pastoral responsibility will be offered appropriate support that meets their individual needs.
- We will respond appropriately to those who wish to join our community who have committed sexual offences, following the guidance of the Diocese of Chichester and after seeking advice from the Safeguarding Team.
- We will review this policy annually and, as part of this process, ensure that all our procedures are up to date.