



Morpeth Parish

St James the Great + St Mary the Virgin + St Aidan

Morpeth Parish supports wholeheartedly TOWARDS A SAFER CHURCH **MORPETH PARISH SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT 2023/24**

This statement was adopted by the Parish of Morpeth at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on _____ and is reviewed annually.

As members of this Parish we commit ourselves to care for one another’s safely.

We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- the Safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church following diocesan guidelines set out in full at:
www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding
www.newcastle.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguardingtemplatesresources
[see also attached extract from the CofE Parish Handbook pages 18-24](#)
- promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- recruit safely following the recognised procedures
- supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse. We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by The Safeguarding policy and the guidelines established by this Parish.

This Parish appoints 6 Officers as part of a Responsible Caring Group:

Ms Debbie Bass-Pickin – Parish Safeguarding Officer - Lead

Mrs. Pauline Young – DBS Administrator

Mr. Nick Stratford – Domestic Abuse Champion

Mrs. Vivienne Sommerville – Domestic Abuse Champion

This statement is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council.

Rector

Churchwardens

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