



# PCC SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God’s own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God’s re-creation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We accept and endorse the principles set out in ‘Safeguarding in the Diocese of London’.
- 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 community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- 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.

The PCC of Emmanuel Church, West Hampstead agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on **18 May 2025**

	<p><b>SAFEGUARDING OFFICER</b>  <b>SARAH WATTS</b>          Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.  <b>She can be contacted on 07751 534297</b>  <b>saferguarding@emmanuelnw6.com</b></p>		<p><b>CHILDREN’S CHAMPION</b>  <b>CASEY HAMMETT</b>          The Children’s Champion is here to be an advocate for all children in all areas of Parish life, making sure their views are heard and their needs are thought of.  <b>She can be contacted on 07717127301</b></p>
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Copies of “Safeguarding in the Diocese of London” and any parish guidelines and procedures are held by

**SARAH WATTS**

**Other useful numbers:**

**Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers: 020 7932 1224**

**Thirtynine:eight’s 24 hour helpline: 0303 003 1111**

**Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) / Childline 0800 1111**

The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place on or before **26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

Vicar: Revd Catriona Laing      Church Warden: Antony Edwards      Church Warden: John-David Papworth

Signed by user of the facilities:  
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