

Keeping Safe Statement

Most of the time at church we are like a big happy family. However, even in very happy families people can have a bad day and even people we know and trust can upset us. We want to help everyone have good days all of the time. We try to make sure that people who have jobs in the church always behave well and in a way that is helpful to you. We never want anyone or anything in church to frighten you, confuse you or worry you. It is important that you tell us if something is upsetting you or if you are feeling worried about something that's happening or something somebody is doing. We have specially trained people who you can talk to and who you can ask for help. These people are good at safeguarding. This means they look after everyone's safety. Caring for people is a very important part of our Christian life.

The people who can help you are the parish priest or the parish safeguarding officer. You can contact the safeguarding officer:

Mike Pickwell - 01472 506950

or the parish priest:

Revd Sheena Cleaton - 01472 825745.

If you wish to speak to someone outside the church you can contact the diocesan safeguarding team – their contact details are available here:

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/safeguarding-overview>.

There is also information there about other places from where you can get help or advice.

Please also read the Safeguarding Policy for St Giles with St Matthew at:

<http://sgsm.org.uk/Safeguarding%20Policy.pdf>