

SAFEGUARDING AT St Paul's Caton-with-Littledale

*The parish of St Paul's Caton-with-Littledale is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops [guidance and policies](#) and we have our own **Parish Safeguarding Officer, PSO – Tricia Griffiths tel - 07551007791***

The Diocese of Blackburn's [safeguarding pages](#) contain vital links and information including contact details for the Diocesan Safeguarding Team (DST) who advise our PSOs. If you are concerned a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the DST. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services

Promoting a Safer Church

As a church we have adopted the House of Bishops 'Promoting a Safer Church' policy and the Parish Safeguarding Handbook, incorporating the House of Bishop's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidance. [Attached to this email is the Parish Safeguarding Handbook]

Our PCC has formally adopted this and signed the Safeguarding Policy Statement Promoting a Safer Church.

Details of our parish safeguarding officer can be found in the attached 'Safeguarding in our Parish – who's who.'

We have also displayed the Promoting a Safer Church poster prominently within our church and church hall.

All those working with children and adults at risk have undergone safer recruitment, received safeguarding training and support.

Reporting a concern

Any safeguarding concerns in a parish should be brought to the attention of your local Parish Safeguarding Officer(s) (PSO) in the first instance, who can seek further advice from Sharon Hassall, the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA), as necessary.

Sharon's contact details are: Telephone: 01254 503070, Mobile: 07711 485170

Email: sharon.hassall@blackburn.anglican.org

Address: Diocese Offices, Clayton House, Walker Business Park, Blackburn, BB1 2Q

Links to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be found here:

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/diocesan-safeguarding-team>

<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/reporting-a-safeguarding-concern>

Finding support

We understand reporting abuse may be very difficult and that not everyone may want to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Below is a list of other agencies that are available to assist either on a 24-hour basis or through specialist helplines and services:

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.

Child-line: [0800 1111](tel:08001111) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything.

National Domestic Violence Helpline: [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.

Samaritans Helpline: 116 123 (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.

Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: [080 8808 8141](tel:08088088141) (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm)