

# Eastleigh Parish Church

## Safeguarding

If you think a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm or a crime has been committed, you should call 999.

If you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact our Safeguarding Officer - [safeguarding@eastleighparish.com](mailto:safeguarding@eastleighparish.com)

Our Safeguarding Statement can be found [here](#).

In accordance with the House of Bishops' Policy Statements 'Promoting a Safer Church' (2017) and 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010) and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, Eastleigh Parish Church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Recognising that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation. Listening to and taking seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.

- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.
- Challenging any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- Reviewing the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Every person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by Eastleigh Parish Church.

Further guidance can be found in the National Church's [Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance](#).

The National Church's [Parish Safeguarding Handbook](#) provides further advice on responding to concerns.

## Safeguarding Contacts

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### **Church Safeguarding Officer**

Mike Sarson

[safeguarding@eastleighparish.com](mailto:safeguarding@eastleighparish.com)

### **Other key contacts:**

### **Winchester Diocesan Safeguarding Officer**

Jackie Rowlands

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01962 737317 / 07921 865374

[Winchester Diocese Safeguarding Page and Resources](#)

### **Alternative contact details:**

EASTLEIGH SOUTHAMPTON SOCIAL SERVICES (Children and Adults) out of  
hours: 023 8068 8000

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

CHILDLINE: 0800 1111

STOP IT NOW: 0808 1000 900

NAPAC: 0808 801 0331

SAMARITANS: 116 123

FAMILY LIVES: 0808 800 2222

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE: 0808 2000 247

ACTION ON ELDER ABUSE: 080 8808 8141

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