

# SAFEGUARDING



The following statement has been agreed by the leadership of Downing Place United Reformed Church:

**We affirm the importance of ensuring the safety and welfare of all who come to our church premises, or who are involved in any way in any of the activities of the church. This commitment applies to everyone, regardless of age, gender, ethnic identity, disability, sexual orientation, economic resources, religion or belief, or marital status.**

**We are committed to following legislation, and the policy and good practice guidelines of the United Reformed Church, as regards all matters of safety and welfare, including the safeguarding of children and adults in need of protection, the safe recruitment of workers and the maintenance of safe premises.**

**We work to a formal safeguarding policy, which can be found on our church website. Written copies of this policy can be obtained on request at the Church Office. The good practice guidelines of the United Reformed Church (known as 'Good Practice 5') are available online on the URC website.**

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child or young person, or of an adult in need of protection, we encourage you to speak **either to our Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Name Dr Tony Bottoms Contact number 01223-357174

**or to our Deputy Safeguarding Co-ordinator:**

Name Mrs Pat Saxton Contact number 01223-359983

Those named above have been appointed and commissioned by the Leadership Team in this church to respond to any safeguarding concerns.

**Signed**

**Dated**

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Synod Safeguarding Officer name & contact details:

Nicola Grieves

Eastern Synod Office, 36 Duxford Road, Whittlesford, Cambridge, CB22 4ND **01223 830770**

[cydo@urceastern.org.uk](mailto:cydo@urceastern.org.uk)

Local authority Children's Services: **0345 045 5203** [referralcentre.children@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:referralcentre.children@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Local authority Adult Social Services: **0345 045 5202** [referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Childline: **0800 1111**

NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**

Stop It Now! (Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Charity): **0808 1000 900**

Action on Elder Abuse: **0808 808 8141**

Through the Roof (Christian Charity working with disabled people): **01372 749955**

National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC): **0808 801 0331**

National Domestic Violence Helpline: **0808 2000 247**