

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 Officer:**

Name Dr. Carys Lee Contact number 07813 352 349

or to our Deputy Safeguarding Officer:

Name Mrs Pat Saxton Contact number 01223 359 983

Those named above have been appointed and commissioned by the Elders to respond to any safeguarding concerns.

Signed *Phillippa M. Jones* Dated *15th May 2023*

Miss Pippa Jones, Secretary of Downing Place URC

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Synod Safeguarding Officer:

Candice Hart

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

safeguarding@urceastern.org.uk

Local authority Children's Services: 0345 045 5203 referralcentre.children@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Local authority Adult Social Services: 0345 045 5202 referral.centre-adults@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Childline: 0800 111

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

Local Police: 01223 358966 (9am-5pm) 01480 456111 (out of hours)

Designated Officer for Cambridgeshire: 01223 727967 (office hours), 01733 234724 (out of hours)