

DOWNING PLACE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

## A SUMMARY OF OUR SAFEGUARDING APPROACH

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 the activities of the church. This commitment applies to everyone – regardless of age, gender, ethnic identify, disability, sexual orientation, economic resources, religion or belief, or marital status.

We are committed to following legislation, and the policy and good practice of the United Reformed Church with regard to all matters of safety and welfare – including creating a safe culture, ensuring safer activities, recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns, managing allegations and people who may pose a risk to others, and supporting victims and survivors.

We work to a formal safeguarding policy, which can be found on our church website. Written copies of the Safeguarding policy can be obtained on request at the Church Office. The good practice guidelines of the United Reformed Church (known as "Good Practice 6") are available online on the URC website.

If you have any concerns about any child, young person or adult at risk, we encourage you to speak to either our Safeguarding Coordinator:

Name: Helen Bell Telephone number: 07926 094550 or c/o 01223756635

or to our Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator:

Name: Lorraine Thornton Telephone number: 01223 506306

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

Signed:

Pippa Jones, Church Secretary

Dated: 12-JUN-2025