



Calne Baptist Church

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A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity No. 1195404)

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SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT 2026

Our vision

We aim to be a loving community of people who worship God together, growing in our faith and caring for each other.

We seek to be faithful in serving Christ in Calne in partnership with other Churches.

We desire to reach out with the good news of Jesus, so others can come to know Him.

In fulfilling this vision, we:

Welcome children and adults at risk into the life of our community

Run activities for children and adults at risk

Make our premises available to organisations working with children and adults at risk

Our safeguarding responsibilities

The church recognises its responsibilities in safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability.

As members of this church we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all associated with the church and will pray for them regularly. In pursuit of this, we commit ourselves to this policy and to the development of sound procedures to ensure we implement our policy well.

Prevention and reporting of abuse

It is the duty of each church member to help prevent the abuse of children and adults at risk, and the duty of each church member to respond to concerns about the well-being of children and adults at risk. Any abuse disclosed, discovered or suspected will be reported in accordance with our procedures. The church will fully co-operate with any statutory investigation into any suspected abuse linked with the church.

Safer recruitment, support and supervision of workers

The church will exercise proper care in the selection and appointment of those working with children and adults at risk, whether paid or voluntary. All workers will be provided with appropriate training, support and supervision to promote the safekeeping of children and adults at risk.

Respecting children and adults at risk

The church will adopt a code of behaviour for all who are appointed to work with children and adults at risk so that all children and adults are shown the respect that is due to them.

Safer working practices

The church is committed to providing an environment that is as safe as possible for children and adults at risk and will adopt ways of working with them that promote their safety and well-being.

A safer community

The church is committed to the prevention of bullying. The church will seek to ensure that the behaviour of any individuals who may pose a risk to children, young people and adults at risk in the community of the church is managed appropriately.

Safeguarding contact points within our church

The church has appointed the following individuals to form part of the church safeguarding team:

Linda Radford, Designated Person for Safeguarding (DPS)

She will advise the church on any matters related to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and take the appropriate action when abuse is disclosed, discovered or suspected.

Phone number 01249 817767 Email lindaradfordemail@yahoo.co.uk

NAME, Deputy Designated Person for Safeguarding (DDPS) – no appointment to date

Therese Walker, Safeguarding Trustee

She will raise the profile of safeguarding within the church and oversee and monitor the implementation of the safeguarding policy and procedures on behalf of the church trustees.

Phone number 07999 385 853 Email tgroves15@btinternet.com

Our **Church Minister** is also an important part of the Church Safeguarding Team.

Wayne Lawther 07914 755 134 Email minister@calne-baptist.org.uk

Where possible, the Church Safeguarding Team will work together if and when issues arise. However, each person has a responsibility to report allegations of abuse as soon as they are raised.

Further definitions of these roles can be found in Appendix 4 – Safeguarding Roles and Responsibilities.

Putting our policy into practice

- A copy of the safeguarding policy statement would **normally** be displayed permanently on the church noticeboard and in the church office. It will continue to be available on our church website. **However, due to the NEW BUILD, church activities including Worship will be in different venues. So, for the foreseeable future a copy of the policy will be kept in the yellow coffee box which will be taken to every venue. Anyone can view this Policy in any venue.**
- Each worker with children and/or adults at risk will be given a full copy of the safeguarding policy and procedures and will be asked to sign to confirm that they will follow them.
- A full copy of the policy and procedures will be made available on request to any member of, or other person associated with the church.
- The policy and procedures will be monitored and reviewed annually, and any necessary revisions adopted into the policy and implemented through our procedures.
- The policy statement will be read annually at the church AGM, together with a report on the outcome of the annual safeguarding review.

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