



# SHIRLEY METHODIST CHURCH, CROYDON CIRCUIT

**The Methodist Church**

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## Statement of Safeguarding Principles

Every person has a value and dignity that comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people bearing the image of God, and therefore to protect them from harm.

### **PRINCIPLES**

We are committed to:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment, where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within this Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal record disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes e.g. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). We will ensure that external organisations using our premises are aware of our procedures and, where this applies, have their own adequate safeguarding policies.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

We will seek to challenge the abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

A full copy of the Church Safeguarding Policy is available on request. If you have any concerns regarding a Safeguarding matter please speak with one of the following:

Minister:	Rev Richard Lowson	020 8654 5481
Church Safeguarding Officers:	Tau Wey	020 8655 2754
Fran Byard	020 8405 3222	

### **Other Contacts -**

Circuit Superintendent:	Rev Stephen Day	020 8656 6997
Circuit Safeguarding Officer (Adults):	Linda White	0796 136 7788
London District Safeguarding Officer:	Becky Skinner	07960 877740

*This notice is for display in rooms which children, young people and vulnerable adults use*

**It should be accompanied with Childline and Adult Helpline posters**

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