



## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

### Promoting a safer church – Safeguarding Policy Statement

The following policy was agreed at the St Austell Parish PCC meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy, **St Austell Parish Churches** (Holy Trinity, St Levans Church Porthpean and All Saints Pentewan) **are committed to:**

- Positively promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose or present a risk to others.

#### St Austell Parish Church will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Safeguarding Officer to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the St Austell Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

St Austell Parish Church appoints Lesley Lawther as the Safeguarding Officer.

Rural Dean: Paul Zaphiriou

Churchwarden: Sara Moulton

Review Date: October 2026