



The Methodist Church values every human being as part of God's creation. Everyone has the right to fair treatment and protection from harm.

The **Methodist Church** 

Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Methodist Church commits to:

- The creation of a **safe environment and culture** where all are welcome and everyone feels able to speak out about safeguarding concerns
- **Pastoral care for victims and survivors** of abuse, and other people who have been affected by safeguarding issues
- **A prompt and appropriate response** to every safeguarding concern or allegation regardless of status or circumstance
- Carry out **risk assessments** and put **safeguarding measures** in place where individuals may present a risk
- Pastoral care for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations
- **Safe recruitment** of all those who have responsibility for children and adults who may be vulnerable
- **The promotion of good safeguarding practice** through effective training, guidance, policy and procedures

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility



Safeguarding Contacts

Emergency contacts

Police 999

Local Authority

Thanet
Community Safeguarding Officer
01843 577910
community.safety@thanet.gov.uk

Reporting safeguarding concerns, help and guidance

Church/Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Christopher Butler
chrisandmorag@outlook.com
01843 449531

Minister in Pastoral Charge

Rev Wesley Hampton
wesley.hampton@methodist.org.uk

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Safeguarding Officer
Angela Pilgrim
angelapilgrim@gmail.co

Circuit Safeguarding Officer

Claire Coles
South East District Safeguarding Officer
07958 915747
safeguarding@methodistsoutheast.org

Helplines

Police non-emergency ... 101

NSPCC..... 0808 800 5000

Childline 0800 1111

Action on Elder Abuse ... 0808 808 8141

Family Lives 0808 800 2222

National Domestic

Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Samaritans 116 123

Local helplines

See adjoining sheet.

Information about safeguarding in the Methodist Church

Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance for the Methodist Church

www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding

Location of church safeguarding policy:

On the church notice board

On the church website