Policy for Safeguarding Children 2026

Parish of Bengeo (Holy Trinity with Christ Church and St. Leonard)
in the Church of England Diocese of St Albans

This Policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 27 April 2025

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and accepting the Church of England Policy Protecting All God's Children (4th edition 2010) and to be responsive to local parish requirements.
- In particular we will follow the policies and guidance issued by the House of Bishops, promoting a Safer Church (2017), paying due regard to Section 5 Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.
- We will review and endorse the safeguarding policies annually so that all members are aware of their responsibilities.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This Parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or young person who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
- The PCC acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice Guidance.

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator **Mrs Anne Sentance**

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Signed Incumbent .....

Church Warden .....

26th March 2026

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