

(Appendix A)

Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of: **St. George's, Benenden Kent**

This parochial church council has adopted the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Church of England. In particular we are committed to:

- the safeguarding of all children, young people and vulnerable adults
- carefully selecting and training paid and voluntary staff who might come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools, to check their suitability
- responding without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed
- cooperating fully with the police, local authority and any other appropriate statutory body in any investigation
- ministering appropriately to anyone, child or adult, who has experienced abuse
- extending pastoral care to those known to have offended against children or vulnerable adults whilst ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected from them

We have appointed: **Ian Malaugh**

Tel: **01580 240999**

as the **Parish Safeguarding Coordinator**

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on: **27th May 2024**

Signed Date: 27th May 2024

(Parish Priest)

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(Church Warden(s))

Any child wishing to talk about a problem can contact **Childline** on: **0800 1111**

Any parent or carer wishing to talk about parenting problems can contact **Family Lives** on **0808 800 2222**

The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator(s) is available to speak with adults or children.