**Formal Statement from St Matthew’s Lightcliffe**

The parish of St Matthews, Lightcliffe is committed to implementing the House of Bishops' safeguarding policies and good practice guidance. A formal statement to adopt the House of Bishops' ["Promoting a Safer Church : Safeguarding Policy Statement"](http://www.rochester.anglican.org/content/pages/documents/1517914927.pdf) was agreed by the Parochial Church Council and recorded in the Minutes of the meeting on tba.

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church

**Our Commitments**

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

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: **Rev Kathryn Buck** Role: **Vicar**

Tel: **01422 202424** E-mail: [**buck5@btinternet.com**](mailto:buck5@btinternet.com)

Name: **Colin Painten** Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Tel: **01422 205776**  Email: **cppainten@btinternet.com**

Name: **Grahame Cotterill** Role: **Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Tel**: 07796 640563** E-mail: **grahamecotterill53@gmail.com**

Name: Jenny Leccardi Role: **Diocese Designated Safeguarding Adv**

Tel: 0113 3530259 or 07872 005189

Name: Narinder Lyon Role: **Diocese Designated Safeguarding Adv**

Tel: 0113 3530256 or 07872 005309

Name: Carla Darbyshire Role: **Diocese Designated Safeguarding Adv**

Tel: 0113 3530258 or 07399 809732

Local Authority Social Services:

**Tel: 01422 393336** or **Out of hours 01422 288000**

If there is immediate risk or danger, please contact the Police on **999**.

NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**

Childline: **0800 1111**

Stop It Now: **0808 1000 900**

NAPAC: **0808 801 0331**

Samaritans: **116 123**

FamilyLives: **0808 800 2222**

National Domestic Violence Helpline: **0808 2000 247**

Action On Elder Abuse: **0808 808 8141**

[**www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding**](http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding)