



# The United Benefice of Mountsorrel

## Safeguarding Policy Statement

### PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Joint Parochial Church Council (JPCC) meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

- Mountsorrel: Christ Church.
- Mountsorrel: Saint Peter.

In accordance with the current version of the Church of England's Safeguarding Policy 'Promoting a Safer Church' our churches are committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within our churches.
- 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 a present risk to others.

#### The Parishes will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Benefice or Parish Safeguarding Officer (BSO/PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC's to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the Benefice.
- Display in church premises and on the Benefice 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 either 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 annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

**Each person who works within these church communities will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this Benefice.**

This Benefice appoints **Mrs. Melanie Rowley** as the Benefice Safeguarding Officer (BSO).

Incumbent:	<i>Colin Resch</i>	Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Churchwarden:	<i>Helen Shaw</i> (Christ Church)	Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Churchwardens:	<i>David Bird</i> (St. Peter's Church)	Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	<i>David Owen</i> (St. Peter's Church)	Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
PSO/BSO:	<i>Melanie Rowley</i>	Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026