

**GODALMING UNITED CHURCH
(Methodist and United Reformed)**

**SAFEGUARDING
POLICY
And
PROCEDURES**

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Statement of safeguarding principles

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of humans in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Principles

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

Working with the District Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts. We will recognise and apply the restrictions to appointment laid down in Standing Order 010 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

This policy was agreed at a Church Council held on

...29 April 2020.....

Godalming United Church, hereafter referred to as “we ”, along with the whole Christian community, believes each person has a value and dignity which comes directly from God’s creation in God’s own image and likeness. Christians see this as fulfilled by God’s re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

We are committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults and affirm that the needs of children or of people when they are vulnerable and at risk are paramount.

We recognise that we have a particular care for all who are vulnerable whether as a result of disabilities or reduction in capacities or by their situation. It is recognised that this increased vulnerability may be temporary or permanent and may be visible or invisible, but that it does not diminish our humanity and our wish to affirm the gifts and graces of all God’s people.

This policy addresses the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. It is intended to be a dynamic policy. It is intended to support the Church in being a safe supportive and caring community for children, young people, vulnerable adults, for survivors of abuse, for communities and for those affected by abuse.

We fully agree with the statement reiterated in *Creating Safer Space* 2007:

As the people of Godalming United Church, we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God’s purpose for everyone. We seek to safeguard all members of the church community of all ages.

We recognise the serious issue of the abuse of children and vulnerable adults and recognise that this may take the form of physical, emotional, sexual, financial, spiritual, discriminatory, domestic or institutional abuse or neglect, abuse using social media, child sexual exploitation or human trafficking (slavery). We acknowledge the effects these may have on people and their development, including spiritual and religious development. We accept our responsibility for ensuring that all people are safe in our care and that their dignity and right to be heard is

maintained. We accept our responsibility to support, listen to and work for healing with survivors, offenders, communities and those who care about them. We take seriously the promotion of welfare so that each of us can reach our full potential in God's grace.

We commit ourselves to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed or may suffer harm, whether in the church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust.
2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance; government legislation and guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.
3. **PROVIDE** support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to ensure that people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.
4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for those who work with children and vulnerable adults and also acknowledge the shared responsibility of all of us for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults who are on our premises.

Church Council

It is the responsibility of the Church Council to appoint one or more Church Safeguarding Officer(s) and there should be no gaps in this crucial provision. It is not appropriate for the minister to fill any gap, because of the potential conflict of roles. The role will usually be undertaken on a voluntary basis although expenses should be met.

Ultimate responsibility for safeguarding within the church lies with the Church Council.

Godalming United Church appoints. [Alison Sargeant](#)

as church Safeguarding Officer .

and [Sylvia Kelley](#)

as church Safeguarding Officer and supports them in their role, which is to:

- provide support and advice to the minister and the church council in fulfilling their roles

with regard to safeguarding.

- ensure that a suitable, signed church safeguarding policy is displayed at all times in the church on a safeguarding noticeboard, along with names of current safeguarding officers, national helplines and other suitable information. This must be renewed annually.
- record all safeguarding issues that are reported to the church safeguarding officer, according to Methodist policy and practice and promote the requirement for others to do the same.
- Identify and inform those who are required to attend safeguarding training and maintain records of attendance. Work with the circuit safeguarding officer and DSO to arrange training.
- attend training and meetings relating to the role
- work in partnership with the lettings officer, property committee and user groups to promote good safeguarding practice on church premises. This will include gaining written confirmation that hirers of church premises are aware of the church safeguarding policy or are using an appropriate policy of their own.
- *check* that safeguarding is included as an agenda item at Church Council meetings and report to the Annual Church Meeting.
- inform all those with responsibility for recruitment, whether paid or voluntary, of their obligation to follow safer recruitment procedures
- advise the circuit safeguarding officer and/or DSO of any issues with compliance with safeguarding training, policy or safer recruitment requirements and respond promptly to any request from them about audit of safeguarding activities.

a) Purpose

The purpose of the church safeguarding policy is to check that procedures are in place and provide clarity about the roles and responsibilities of those trusted with promoting the church as a safe space for all its users. It is to be read in conjunction with the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance (2019).

b) Good practice

We believe that good practice means:

- i) All people are treated with respect and dignity.
- ii) Those who act on behalf of the Church should not meet or work alone with a child or

vulnerable adult where the activity cannot be seen unless this is necessary for pastoral reasons, in which case a written record will be made and kept noting date, time and place of visit.

- iii) The church premises will be assessed by the property committee and/or their representatives at least annually for safety for children and vulnerable adults and a written risk assessment report will be given annually to the Church Council. This will include fire safety procedures. The Church Council will consider the extent to which the premises and equipment are suitable or should be made more suitable.
- iv) Any church-organised transport of children or vulnerable adults will be checked to ensure that the vehicle is suitable and insured and that the driver and escort are appropriate. A record to be kept in the church file for each driver/car.
- v) Promotion of safeguarding is recognised to include undertaking those tasks which enable all God's people to reach their full potential. The Church Council will actively consider the extent to which it is succeeding in this area.

These things are to safeguard those working with children, young people and those adults who may be vulnerable.

c) Appointment and training of workers in the church

Workers will be appointed after a satisfactory DBS disclosure and following the safer recruitment procedures of the Methodist Church. Each worker will have an identified supervisor. Each worker will be expected to undergo basic safeguarding training, and where possible within the first 6 months (agreed by Methodist Conference in 2011 -*Creating Safer Space Report*) of appointment. The other training needs of each worker will be considered (such as food hygiene, first aid and lifting and handling).

d) Pastoral visitors

Pastoral visitors will be supported in their role with the provision of basic safeguarding training upon appointment. If they are undertaking tasks for which a DBS would be required, this will be undertaken prior to appointment.

e) Guidelines for working with children, young people and vulnerable adults

These guidelines can be found pages 9-12

f) Ecumenical events

Where ecumenical events happen on church premises, safeguarding is the responsibility of this Church Council.

g) Events with church groups off the premises

Adequate staffing, a risk assessment and notification of the event will be given to the church safeguarding officer PRIOR to the agreement for any event or off site activity. Notification of the event will be given to the church secretary Sylvia Kelley

If the activity is unusual or considered to be high risk the church safeguarding officer will contact the circuit safeguarding officer in order that it can be ratified or any queries raised.

h) Other groups on church premises

Where the building is hired for outside use, the *hirer* signing the letting agreement will be required to have read the church's safeguarding policy and procedures. The lettings secretary will consider the various users of the building in making letting who will keep the records and take advice as appropriate from the church council in consultation with the church safeguarding officer. If needed further advice will be sought from the circuit and district safeguarding officers

i) Complaints procedure

There is a formal complaints procedure within the Methodist Church, which allows issues to be raised about actions or behaviour by a member or officer of the Church. In addition, employed staff will be subject to relevant contractual procedures. All complaints will be responded to with care, diligence and impartiality. The provisions of Part 11 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church will be followed.

A complaint should be addressed to the superintendent minister, the Revd. Keith Beckingham. If a complaint is made to another person it should be referred to him. Meetings will be arranged with the person making the complaint and, usually, the person against whom the complaint has been made, in an attempt to resolve it. If the complaint is against a URC minister then the complaint should be addressed to the superintendent minister and the Moderator of the URC Wessex Synod Revd Clare Downing at 120 Alma Road, Southampton, SO14 6UW concurrently. If the complaint is against the superintendent, it should be sent to the District Chair, the Revd. David Hinchliffe at The Methodist Church, South East District Office, Unit 4 Basepoint Business Centre, Metcalf Way, Crawley, RH1 7XX

Safeguarding officers must be informed of any complaint or issue relating to the potential abuse of children or adults who may be vulnerable. They will support prompt action to respond to the circumstances of any safeguarding concern, whether or not any party involved wishes to make a formal complaint through the Methodist Church.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Church Council. Next review date: 04/ 2022

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j) Key concepts and definitions

- i) A child is anyone who has not yet reached their eighteenth birthday. The fact that a child has reached 16 years of age, is living independently or is in further education, a member of the armed forces, in hospital or in custody in the secure estate, does not change their status or entitlements to services or protection.
- ii) Vulnerable adults: any adult aged 18 or over who, owing to disability, mental function, age or illness or traumatic circumstances, may not be able to take care or protect themselves.
- iii) Safeguarding: protecting children or vulnerable adults from maltreatment; preventing impairment of their health and ensuring safe and effective care.
- iv) Adult/child protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect children/specific adults who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm, including neglect.
- v) Abuse and neglect may occur in a family, a community or an institution. It may be perpetrated by a person or persons known to the child or vulnerable adult or by strangers; by an adult or by a child. It may be an infliction of harm or a failure to prevent harm.

Signed ...**Revd Norman Edsall**..... Chair of Church Council Dated 29/04/2020.....

PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR SAFEGUARDING GOOD PRACTICE

1. CHURCH PREMISES

a)The Church

The church is committed to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all. It will ensure that its premises, furnishings and equipment are well maintained to meet a high standard of health and safety.

In particular it will ensure that:

- all electrical, gas and fire fighting equipment is well maintained
- all hazardous substances are kept, when not in use, in a locked cupboard
- no item of equipment or furniture is placed or stored in a position where it creates a hazard
- the first aid box is kept adequately stocked
- the designated fire exits are kept clear
- appropriate risk assessments are in place

b)Groups using the church (either church organisations or lettings)

Groups using the church premises have a responsibility to ensure that

- any equipment used by that group is well maintained and not placed or stored in such a way to cause a hazard
- leaders are aware of the position of the first aid box, accident book, fire exits and extinguishers in the proximity of the area where the group is meeting and of the telephone to call the emergency services
- leaders have a known plan for the safe and orderly evacuation of their group in the case of an emergency
- children under five are not allowed in the kitchen except when participating in an organised activity with adequate adult supervision and older children only with adequate supervision
- all accidents and injuries occurring on the premises are recorded in the accident book.

c) All users of the premises

It is the responsibility of everyone using the premises to report immediately any defective or unsafe equipment, furnishings or fittings to either the Lettings Officer or chair-of the property committee.

Everyone accessing the premises should be aware that the external vestibule door should not be left unlocked when there are children on site as this creates a major safety hazard. The Church Council is aware that this is difficult to implement and hirers must take full responsibility to ensure that any children in their care are fully protected. If the door is not locked, adult supervision should be maintained in the vestibule area.

All users of the premises should be aware that the River Wey flows very close to the church premises and ensure that they take all measures possible to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from any risk that this proximity entails.

All premises users should be cognizant of any risk assessments for the areas in which they operate.

2. INTERNET

If there are computers with internet access on the church premises or being used on the church premises, all and, particularly those supervising the use of the internet, must be aware that the internet produces three types of hazard for children and vulnerable adults:

- **Content** This concerns the internet's facility to serve up age inappropriate and sometimes illegal images or content. This includes not only pornography but web sites which promote racism, self harming, xenophobia etc
- **Contact** This concerns the facility to enable people or organisations with bad intentions towards children or vulnerable adults to make contact with them and help groom them to a point where they are open to sexual abuse or other exploitation
- **Commerce** This is connected to unscrupulous and illegal exploitation of children or vulnerable adults e.g. gambling web sites

To keep children and vulnerable adults safe therefore –

- a) Children and vulnerable adults must not be allowed online until they have been advised of the hazards and how to avoid them and how to react if they are confronted by anything undesirable
- b) The importance of typing web addresses correctly and using age appropriate search engines, of not giving out personal information, meeting up with strangers etc must be stressed
- c) The computer is in a room where it is easy to supervise what is going on and screens should be facing the middle of the room.

No identifiable images of children shall be displayed on the church's web-site. By 'identifiable' it means providing personal information by which children could be traced – see appendices 2 and 3 of this document.

In the event of someone in the church being investigated by the police for an internet sex offence, the church must respond quickly to police requests for IT equipment if the person under investigation has access to church computers with internet facility.

The Church WiFi facilities are available to hirers who wish to use it for their activity and church members who need it for church purposes. The WiFi agreement form at Appendix 4 must be completed before using this facility by hirers

3. PHOTOGRAPHY

No photograph, film or other image of a child or vulnerable adult will be taken for church purposes or used in a church's publication without his or her consent or a parent or guardian's consent in the case of children.

Where consent has been obtained, care will be taken that the images are used only for the purpose for which consent was given. All images must always protect the dignity of the individual

4. CHURCH WORKERS WITH CHILDREN/VULNERABLE ADULTS

a) Staffing

All groups organised in the name of the church shall have adequate adult supervision and leadership for the numbers of children/vulnerable adults in the group, the type of activity and

where the activity is taking place. While older children are to be encouraged to help with groups of younger children, they should only be in the role of helpers with adults supervising.

b)Criminal Records

There is currently a requirement that all workers with children/vulnerable adults should obtain a disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service

5. KEY HOLDERS

All key holders to the church premises must sign a declaration that they have not been convicted or officially cautioned for a sexual offence against children (Form D). These forms will be held by the Lettings Officer.

6. RECORD KEEPING

Good record keeping is an essential element of safeguarding. The following records need to be kept:

- 1) A register of all children in church groups should be kept by each group leader and made available to the Safeguarding Officer(s) on request
- 2) A register of all church workers with children kept by the safeguarding officer
- 3) A list of all key holders to the premises by the lettings secretary
- 4) A register of children and workers present at each meeting of a group kept by the group leader
- 5) A record of any unusual or untoward happening or untoward behaviour of a child /children at a group meeting should be kept by the group leader
- 6) Group leaders of vulnerable adults should keep a record as in (5).

In the event of a suspicion or allegation of abuse very detailed records must be kept.

What to do if abuse is alleged or suspected

- a) Take the matter seriously and do not ignore the information.
- b) Record in as much detail as soon as possible everything, which is said or has been noticed. Try and accurately record the actual words, which were said. If you cannot remember the words verbatim, then say so e.g. "I cannot remember the exact words A. said but it was something like..." Be factual and do not express opinions.
- c) Make it clear to anyone making an allegation that you will need to share the information.. Do not promise confidentiality.
- d) Do not ask any further questions (beyond seeking clarification) nor attempt to investigate or take any direct action
- e) On no account say anything to the alleged abuser
- f) Refer the matter to one of the designated church Safeguarding Officers **immediately** – do not wait until you next conveniently see him or her.
- g) Remember allegations of abuse are extremely serious both for the alleged victim and the alleged abuser and absolute confidentiality must be maintained
- h) You must not discuss the allegation with the family of the alleged victim or any other person.
- i) Any enquiries from the media regarding an alleged abuse should be referred to the Connexional press officers.

Guidelines for Good Practice when working with children/vulnerable adults

Many of these guidelines are common sense but their practice helps to keep children and vulnerable adults safe and protects adults from the suspicion of abuse.

Treatment of children

- Treat all children with respect
- Treat all children fairly and do not show favouritism
- Any necessary personal care administered must be appropriate to the age and needs of the child
- Young children often want physical contact with an adult particularly when they are unsure, upset, hurt or unwell. When responding to this need, be careful as to what contact is made, that it is in public and it is what the child wants
- Do not ridicule or reject a child
- Do not touch a child inappropriately or intrusively
- Do not make sexually suggestive comments about or to a young person even in fun
- Never physically discipline a child

Supervision

- Where possible, no worker with children should be alone with a child. Sometimes this may be necessary e.g. the child wants to talk privately. Then make sure there is someone else nearby, tell that person what is happening. Avoid being in a place where you cannot be seen from outside. It is advisable to leave doors open when seeing a child alone.
- Children attending a group should not be left unsupervised at any time
- Leaders should keep a register and have emergency contact numbers if a parent/guardian is not on-site.
- Be aware of who else is using the premises at the same time as your activity and consciously consider whether they present any risk.
- Make sure someone the children know accompanies any visitors to the group.
- If you are organising an offsite activity this may involve more safety risks than an on site activity. It may need more adult helpers. Before you go, assess the risks and put in place measures to minimise the risks.
- Avoid giving lifts to children on their own, particularly if you are alone. If this is unavoidable ask the child to sit in the back of the car (this is good road safety practice too).

10.2 Treatment of vulnerable adults

- Treat vulnerable adults with dignity and respect especially if they require assistance with their personal care
- Allow and support vulnerable adults to make informed choices except where their incapacity makes this impossible
- Within their capacity allow vulnerable adults to be independent.
- Ensure where possible there are aids to assist them in being independent e.g. ramps, loop system, large textbooks and notices etc.
- Respect vulnerable adults' property and possessions, in particular their finances

- Recognise that vulnerable adults are valued members of the church and their opinions carry as much weight as others in the church community
- In groups run specifically for vulnerable adults ensure there are sufficient helpers to assist them and keep them safe.

APPENDIX 1

Photographs and Images of Children – A guide to the risks and how to minimise them

Who this guidance is for

This guidance is designed for officers of the church or other individuals using images of children and young people in the name of the church, including photographic images in magazines, promotional literature and internet websites.

Background

The church recognises the opportunities that technology such as photography and the internet can bring: these include the ability to celebrate the achievements of children and young people as well as being a useful tool in promoting activities. As well as the advantages, this technology brings certain risks, which should be considered.

The Risks

There are concerns about the risks posed directly and indirectly to children and young people through the use of photographs on websites and in other publications:

1. Photographs can be used as a means of identifying children when they are accompanied with personal information e.g. this is X who lives at Y, is a member of Z church and who sings in a certain music group. This information can make a child vulnerable to an individual who may wish to start to 'groom' that child for abuse - online (e.g. through websites or social networking) or through direct contact in the off-line, 'real' world.
Information placed on the internet has also been used by estranged parents (e.g. in adoption or domestic violence circumstances) to identify, trace and cause significant difficulties for children.
2. The content of photographs can itself be inappropriate, or used or adapted for inappropriate use. There is evidence of this inappropriate or adapted material finding its way onto sites showing child abuse images, and of inappropriate images being shared within groups of offenders.

Ways to minimise the risks:

- If the child is named in an article, avoid using their photograph.
- Avoid using the first name and surname of individuals in a photograph. This reduces the risk of inappropriate, unsolicited attention.
- Ask for parental permission to use an image of a young person. This ensures that parents are aware of the way the image of their child is representing the church. The Parental Permission Form should be clear about how and for how long images and associated consents and information will be securely stored and used e.g. newspaper, magazine, promotional materials or internet/website.
- Only use images of children in suitable dress to reduce the risk of inappropriate use.
- When choosing images of children to include in a newsletter or magazine, care should be taken that the images are appropriate. Apply an increased level of consideration to the images of children and young people used on a website.

APPENDIX 2

Consent Form for Recording and Using Still Images, Audio and/or Video of Children

Dear Parent or Guardian,

During your child's time with us we may wish to record still images, video or audio of activities that involve your child.

Still images may be used for displays, publications and on a web-site by us. Images may also be used for inclusion in local newspapers. Audio recordings may be used on a web-site by us.

We are also filming and live streaming our Sunday morning services (and occasionally other events taking place in the church) which will be broadcast on the website www.thesundaysevice.org and available on YouTube. The main focus will be on the platform at the front of the church rather than the congregation, and where there is any doubt that written consent has been given for a child who would be visible on screen, a 'privacy shot' (showing the window at the front of the church and no people) will be used.

We will take every reasonable care that images are not misused:

- Full names of children will not be included in any accompanying notes.
- No home addresses will be included in any accompanying notes.
- Images, audio or video that might cause embarrassment or distress will not be used.
- Images and consent forms will be kept securely and reviewed annually.
- Images will be kept only as long as needed and deleted when no longer required.

Please complete the details below if you agree to us using images of your child.

NAME(S) OF CHILD/CHILDREN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: _____

I give permission for (please tick as applicable):

- photographs or audio clips of my child/children to be taken for use in displays, publications or the church website.
- video of my child/children to be taken for use in the live streaming on www.thesundaysevice.org and on YouTube.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

APPENDIX 3

WiFi Acceptable Use Policy

WiFi is provided by Godalming United Church (which described as "we" or "us" below).

By using this WiFi, you agree to be bound by this policy. If you do not agree, please do not use the WiFi.

In using the WiFi, you agree to:

- Act lawfully – do not act in any way that could be unlawful or encourage others to act unlawfully. In particular, do not infringe intellectual property rights, do not reveal confidential or sensitive information and do not engage in any criminal offence or encourage others to do so. Music, video, pictures, text and other content on the internet are copyright works and you should not download, alter, e-mail or otherwise use such content unless you are certain that the owner of such works has authorised its use by you.
- Act responsibly – you must not undertake actions that are harassing, defamatory, threatening, obscene, abusive, racist, sexist, offensive or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate. Do not pretend to be anyone other than yourself. Do not collect email addresses or other personal details or use the WiFi to send bulk email messages ('spam').
- Act reasonably – do not use WiFi access in any way that may affect the running of the WiFi or network or other technology connected to it (for example, other WiFi users' devices). In particular, do not upload or download very large files and make sure your device is protected by up-to-date anti-virus software.
- Act carefully – we recommend that you do not use the service to transmit or receive any confidential information or data. If you choose to do so, you accept that you do so at your own risk. We are not responsible to you for any damages, losses, costs or expenses you suffer because of activities you conduct using the WiFi, or because the WiFi is unavailable, does not operate as expected or causes loss or damage to any data.

We don't charge you for using the WiFi. We do not guarantee the availability of the Service; the speed at which information may be transmitted or received via the Service; or that the Service will be compatible with your equipment or any software which you use. We are not able to provide technical support for use of the WiFi.

We cannot completely control the types of material that can be received (or sent) over the WiFi. As with any internet access, you may encounter material that you find offensive, objectionable or inappropriate – Godalming United Church cannot be held responsible if this happens. Web filtering software is available commercially if you want to reduce the likelihood of viewing offensive content, but is not provided by Godalming United Church.

You are responsible to us for all damage, losses, costs or expenses suffered by Godalming United Church arising out of any breach by you of this policy (for example, if you use the WiFi for copyright infringement or to commit a criminal offence).

If we believe that your actions are in breach of this policy, we can suspend your access at any time in our sole discretion without responsibility to you.

Please also be aware of the Godalming United Church Safeguarding Policy and Procedures which can be found in the 'About Us' section of the church website: www.guc.org.uk

I confirm that I accept these terms and conditions as the basis of my use of the WiFi service provided.

Signed: Email:

Name: Dated:

IMPORTANT NUMBERS IF YOU NEED HELP

Police (Emergency)	999
Police (Non -emergency)	101 or 01483 571212
Royal Surrey County Hospital	01483 571122
Surrey County Council Children’s Social Care Services	0300 470 9100 (Out of Hours – 01483 517898)
Surrey County Council Adult Social Care Services	0300 200 1005 (Out of Hours – 01483 517898)
NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Family Lives (helpline for parents)	0808 800 2222
CHURCH CONTACTS	
Superintendent Minister- (Rev Keith Beckingham)	01483 575667
Minister – Revd Adam Payne	01483 414709
District Safeguarding Officer (Phillipa Read)	01293 813 970 07958 915 747
Circuit Safeguarding Officer- (Maggie Woolcock)	01483 502942
Church Safeguarding Officers (Alison Sargeant) (Sylvia Kelley)	01483 422841 01483 423261