SAFEGUARDING – A SHORT SUMMARY

What is 'a safeguarding issue'?

Any of the following:

- A child discloses alleged abuse
- An adult discloses alleged abuse
- An adult or child discloses concern for another adult or child
- You notice signs of abuse of an adult or child
- There is an accident to a child or vulnerable adult in your care
- Behaviour is observed which poses risk to others or themselves

What should you do if there's a safeguarding issue?

In an emergency contact 999, then notify the Parish Safeguarding Officer as soon as possible after that.

When the situation is not an emergency, contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) or the Vicar, as soon as possible, to seek advice and guidance. They will then decide whether or not the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) needs to be contacted. If the allegation concerns the PSO or the Vicar, speak to a different member of the Safeguarding Team.

What should you do after that?

After that, make some simple, factual notes of what has taken place (what was said, what was observed, the key points). Keep the situation confidential, unless advised otherwise. If you need any support or advice for yourself, approach the Vicar or PSO for help.

Who should you talk to?

The following are the key contacts you will need:

Parish Safeguarding Officers:	Laurie Stuart	020 88575185 / 07947 440183
	Catrin Cox	020 88577369
Vicar	Bridget Shepherd	020 83182363

Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser:	**Kate Singleton**	**020 79399423**
	(URGENT / out of hrs)	**07982 279713**

Duty Social Worker Lewisham	020 8314 6660 or out of office hours call 020 8314 6000
Duty Social Worker Greenwich	020 8921 3172 or out of office hours call 020 8854 8888