

SAFEGUARDING

We at St Mary's the Virgin, Chalk take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously.

We are committed to take all steps within our power to keep children and vulnerable adults safe from all forms of harm while on our premises.

If you have any concerns or worries concerning safeguarding issues, please speak to the vicar or e-mail our church safeguarding officer: barbaramillatt@hotmail.com

If you are concerned about something you have experienced in a church, now or in the past, or you are worried about another person - perhaps a vulnerable adult or a child – there are people you can talk to and you will be taken seriously.

You can contact the Diocese of Rochester's Safeguarding team on 01634 560 000 or visit their webpage at: www.rochester.anglican.org/safeguarding/ Recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the church, a dedicated telephone helpline, operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, is available. Calls can be made free on 0800 80 20 20

