



Shrewton Methodist Church
High Street, Shrewton Salisbury SP3 4BZ

CONFIDENTIAL

A form for users and hirers of Methodist premises

As the people of the Methodist Church we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purposes for everyone. We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults
- the safeguarding and protection of children, young people and all vulnerable adults

It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people and to respond quickly when this occurs.

Safeguarding Form

Church councils are required to ensure that those who use their premises under licence or who hire the premises for regular or occasional use are given a copy of the local church safeguarding policy and declare their willingness to comply with the safeguarding policy of the Methodist Church or comparable equivalent guidelines and procedures (such as Scouting and Guiding national safeguarding policy).

Name of organisation

Age range of participants

Name and address of leader/contact person

Nature of use (please give brief details of activities)

Tel. no:

Date/s of use

Time/s of use

Number of adult leaders/helpers (*working directly with children, young people or vulnerable adults, or supervising and managing those who do*)

I declare that I am familiar with 'Safeguarding Good Practice' – the safeguarding policy of the Methodist Church

One person from this group will also be required to be the nominated key holder (for regular hire only) and sign a key holder declaration.

Signed

Date

The Methodist Church is not obliged to give anyone access to church premises unless access to the premises is required as part of their role or for agreed hire of premises.

On behalf of

(name of group/hiring organisation)

NB All information will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female 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
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of 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 complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating 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.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

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

*The above is a summary of the Safeguarding Principles of Shrewton Methodist Church.
A copy of our full Safeguarding Policy is available on request*