



Using Social Media at St Mary Magdalene

Our PCC recently approved the St Mary Magdalene's Social Media policy*.

Social media is a very public way of enabling us as Christians to share the good news of Jesus Christ. One of its many joys is that it is immediate, interactive, conversational and open-ended. This opportunity comes with downsides if users do not apply the same common sense, kindness and sound judgement that we would use in a face-to-face encounter.

So please follow these guidelines if you are posting anything about St Mary Magdalene on social media.

- Be respectful.
- Take responsibility.
- Be a good ambassador for the church – think before you post.
- If you're not sure, don't post it.
- Be safe

Social Media Child Protection

- Keep social media activity with young people appropriate and professional.
- Avoid one-to-one communication with a child or young person.
- Don't give out your personal contact details to children.
- Don't make friends with a child (other than family) through a social networking site.

Photographing Children and Vulnerable Adults

- Photographs and video should never be taken during church services without the permission of the clergy.
- Get the parents' permission before taking any photograph of a child
- Record it in the photo permission folder (at the back of church).
- The service leader will let people know that no photos are allowed

Any concerns?

If you see or read anything that concerns you, save a copy and show it to one of our Parish Safeguarding Team who will take appropriate action.

Click on the link to access our church [Safeguarding](#) page.

Our Safeguarding Team are:

* Abi Dixon – Parish Safeguarding Officer safeguarding@lillingtonparishchurch.org

* Ellie Hucklesby – Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer

* Rev William Smith – Incumbent