

## Safeguarding statement

The following statement was agreed by the Trustees on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024:

- Cornerstone City Church is committed to safeguarding children and adults with care and support needs, and ensuring their well-being, to the best of our ability.
- We believe that every person has value and dignity, because they have been created in the image of God. We also believe that all people are fallen and sinful, capable of hurting and abusing others. Christians are those that God has recreated in Christ, forgiving their sin, and empowering them by the Holy Spirit to grow in love for him and love for their neighbour. Therefore, we recognise the need to provide a safe and caring environment for children, young people and adults, in the context of God's will for our flourishing, communicated to us in Scripture.
- We acknowledge that children, young people and adults can be the victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and neglect. We have a duty to protect them from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We want to make sure that children and adults we have contact with are empowered to tell us if they are experiencing harm.

### We are committed to:

- Following specialist guidance in relation to safeguarding children and adults, and ensuring that all paid and voluntary workers work within the procedures and code of conduct contained within our safeguarding policy.
- Exercising proper care in the appointment and selection of those who work with children and adults with care and support needs, including the appropriate use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.
- Supporting, resourcing and training our workers.
- Ensuring that we keep up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding.
- Providing pastoral care and support to all in Cornerstone City Church affected by abuse.
- Providing pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our community known to have offended against a child or vulnerable adult.

A full copy of Cornerstone City Church's Safeguarding Policy is available on request from [office@cornerstonecity.co.uk](mailto:office@cornerstonecity.co.uk)

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If you have any concerns for a child or an adult, please contact Katy using the e-mail address above, or speak to one of our deputy safeguarding coordinators.

If you would prefer to speak to someone outside of the church, please contact **thirtyone:eight** on 0303 003 1111.