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Barnby Dun  
Parish Church  
Showing God's love to others by following Jesus

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ST PAUL, BARNBY DUN

## Health and Safety in the Churches, Churchyards and Church Halls

This statement was adopted at the Parochial Church Council meetings held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This policy will be reviewed annually.<sup>1</sup>

The personal safety of each member of our church families is important to us. As churches we are responsible for providing a safe environment for everyone to worship and serve in, while recognising that everyone has a clear responsibility for their own health and safety. To help with that, we adopt the following principles:

1. For activities in church, churchyard and church hall there will be a minimum of two people 'on duty' i.e., services, wedding rehearsals, funerals, maintenance, etc.
2. Where two persons should be together and only one turns up, that person should not start any tasks, but make contact with the other person or a Churchwarden.
  1. If a member of the congregation has to enter church alone or after dark, they're encouraged to consider locking the door behind them. It is recommended that any hirers follow the same approach.
  2. The contact details for Churchwardens will be detailed.
3. Church members are not to put themselves at risk if accosted by someone wanting to steal from church. People are more important than property and if there is risk of harm, the perpetrator should be allowed to make good their escape without confrontation, and the alarm raised only when it is safe to do so.
4. All such incidents should be reported to the Incumbent and a Churchwarden as soon as it is practical who will keep a record of such incidents.
5. Any money and valuables will be kept locked in the safe and we will vary the days and times money is taken to the bank. There will always be two people to do this to ensure accountability and safety.
6. Under no circumstances should a person on their own use a lift.
7. Outside lights are installed to ensure the safe unlocking/re-locking of the building during darkness.
8. No one is required to attend a meeting that they feel uncomfortable at.
9. Any meetings that give cause for concern will be attended by two people. Where this is not possible, the churchwardens will be informed of the meeting beforehand, and following the return home.

Each person involved in activities within the church community will agree to abide by this policy.

The Rev'd Tom Brown, Vicar	.....	/	/2021
Mr Colin Naylor, Churchwarden of Barnby Dun	.....	/	/2021
Mrs Christine Rose, Churchwarden of COGS	.....	/	/2021
Mrs Lynn Shaw, Churchwarden of COGS	.....	/	/2021

<sup>1</sup> This policy applies to unpaid volunteers. Separate policies apply to those employed by the Parish or Diocese.