

Parish of St Michael with St Mary

Safeguarding Policy

1. Safeguarding

- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and procedures accepting the House of Bishops' *Protecting All God's Children* (2010): www.churchofengland.org/media/37378/protectingallgodschildren.pdf.
- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding policy for adults when they are vulnerable accepting the House of Bishops' *Policy Promoting a Safe Church* (2006): www.churchofengland.org/media/37405/promotingasafechurch.pdf.
- In addition the parish will follow the diocesan procedures and recommended good practice and be responsive to local requirements.

2. Working practices, selection and training

- The highest standards will be maintained in the parish's contacts with children and young people and adults in vulnerable contexts.
- All those engaged in such work will be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the House of Bishops' *Guidelines Relating to Safer Recruitment* (2010): www.churchofengland.org/media/1161891/safeguarding4.pdf and diocesan procedures and advice.
- Volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.

3. Complaints

- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- This parish will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation of complaint and will not conduct its own investigations.

4. Pastoral support

- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any person who has suffered abuse.
- Under guidance from the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, we will ensure the right to worship for any member of our church communities known to have offended in a manner which could adversely affect children and adults who are vulnerable.

5. Review and Communication

- The Pastoral and Worship Committee will review this policy annually, bring any changes to the PCC, and alert all relevant volunteers.

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familylives.org.uk/ - a national family advice charity: 0808 800 2222

Agreed at the PCC meeting on 18th September 2013

Signed  , Vicar