

Parish Safeguarding Policy

The following policy was revised and agreed at the PCC meeting held on 18th September 2018.

1. We are committed to:
 - the care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all 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 a culture of ‘informed vigilance’ as to the dangers of abuse.
2. We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks.
3. We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person might have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation, and we will have a clear reporting procedure in place.
4. We will work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
5. We will challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
6. We will 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.
7. In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice, keeping records securely in the Parish Office.
8. We will advise the Diocese which Registered Body we use to process applications for Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks, informing the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser if we receive a Disclosure which is blemished or positive.
9. We will review this policy annually, check that our policies are up to date, and supply a copy of the updated policy statement to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.

Policy agreed by PCC on 18th September 2018 and signed by:

The RectorTIM HARPER.....

All Saints' Churchwardens: HOWARD POOL and DUMPY SWERLING

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