

Church of All Saints' Baschurch,

Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church

This statement of policy was adopted by All Saints' Church, Baschurch, at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 5th July 2017

This policy will be reviewed annually.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. We commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. We commit ourselves to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The church is committed to developing our understanding as new issues immerge eg modern slavery. We well support, resource, train and regularly review those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The church adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and Lichfield Diocese.
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints **Angela Price** to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable adults at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent: Linda Cox

Churchwarden: Martyn Lake

Date: Reviewed and updated 10/07/2019

The Parish of All Saints' Baschurch

Child Safeguarding Policy Statement

The PCC affirms the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for Safeguarding Children (contained in Protecting All God's Children) and is committed to the nurturing, protection and the safekeeping of children in its care. The PCC will:

- ▶ Appoint a Child Protection Coordinator to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures. The coordinator will ensure that any concerns about a child or the behaviour of an adult are appropriately reported both to the statutory agencies and to the relevant Archdeacon. The Coordinator, if not a member of the PCC, will have the right to attend its meetings and will report to it at least annually on the implementation of this policy.
- ▶ Ensure that a person is nominated to act as somebody to whom children may talk to about any problems, if they so wish. This person will be known as the Independent Person or Children's Advocate and will, if possible, be somebody who is accessible to the children and who does not have responsibilities for children within the parish.
- ▶ Display in church premises where children's activities take place the contact details of the Coordinator and Independent Person/Children's Advocate, along with the Childline and Parentline telephone numbers and web addresses. A copy of this statement of policy will also be displayed in the church..
- ▶ Ensure that all those authorised to work with children or who are in a position of authority are appropriately recruited according to safer recruitment practice in line with Church of England national policy, and are trained, resourced and supported. This will include providing them with a copy of this policy and supplementary information and best practice.
- ▶ Ensure that only authorized people work with children and that all work with children is carried out within appropriate accountability structures.
- ▶ Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children undertaken in the name of the parish.
- ▶ Review the implementation of the child protection policy, procedures and practices at least annually.
- ▶ Work to create a culture of informed vigilance which takes children seriously.
- ▶ Pay particular attention to children with special needs and those from ethnic minorities to ensure their full integration and protection within the church community.
- ▶ Ensure that those who may pose a threat to children and young people are effectively managed and monitored.

▶ Ensure that a health and safety policy and the appropriate procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed periodically, but in any event at intervals of no longer than 2 years..

▶ Act without delay on allegations or suspicions of abuse using the procedure laid down by the Diocese of Lichfield. (See flowchart displayed in church and available on Diocese of Lichfield website.)

▶ Respond without delay to any complaints received regarding children's work or the safeguarding of children.

▶ Ensure that all new and existing PCC members have access to this policy so that they are aware of their responsibilities.

▶ Cooperate fully with investigations by statutory agencies and will not conduct its own investigations.

▶ Seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.

▶ Care for and supervise any member of the church community known to have offended against a child while maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

This policy statement will be renewed annually and progress in carrying it out will be monitored by the Child Protection Coordinator and reported to the APCM.

Last reviewed 10th July 2019