

St Sylvester, Chivelstone Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

The St Sylvester, Chivelstone Parochial Church Council fully recognizes and accepts the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policy Statement "Promoting a Safer Church 2017", and commits to complying with the current Church of England and Diocesan safeguarding policies and practice guidance.

In so doing we will comply with the secular multi-agency safeguarding procedures relating to children and young people and adults experiencing or at risk of harm, abuse or neglect.

We are committed to:

- Promoting a Safer environment and culture within our Parish and in our Parish activities by adhering to safe working practices and acknowledge the principle that *safeguarding is everyone's business*.

In addition we will ensure that any individual organization renting/using our premises for activities involving children, young people or vulnerable adults is aware of this, our Safeguarding Policy, and aware of their own individual responsibilities to have appropriate safeguarding policies and processes in place, including safer recruitment.

- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibilities related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church in accordance with the House of Bishops' Safer Recruitment: Practice Guidance 2016.

others.

We will endeavor to offer pastoral care and support whilst ensuring any risk has been assessed and is being managed in accordance with House of Bishops' policy and guidance and in collaboration with the statutory agencies and the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

Safeguarding representative

We will ensure that there is an identified person/s to be the Parish Safeguarding Representative/s who will be suitably recruited and trained, and is aware of their role and responsibilities, and who will be the point of contact for any concerns.

The currently appointed Parish Safeguarding Representative(s) is/are identified on the church noticeboard and on the parish website.

Guidance

Copies of Diocesan and parish guidelines and procedures can be accessed by contacting the churchwarden.

Review

This policy will be formally reviewed annually and a copy shared with the Archdeacon at the time of the Visitation.

Date of Adoption

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on ...7.7.19

The PCC shall review this policy annually. Annual review dates are shown below.

Signed

Incumbent/Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge

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Churchwarden *M J C Baker Vice Chairman*

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Churchwarden *[Signature]*

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Date 4th July 2019:

Annual Reviews

Date Signed Changes

To Be reviewed annually at
the A.E.E. Annual meeting.