

**Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults
for the Church of St Cross, Knutsford**

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.
 - It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected
 - We recognise that our involvement with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church
 - Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who are involved with children, young people and vulnerable adults and to providing appropriate supervision
 - Our church is committed to following the general guidelines and procedures as published by the Diocese of Chester
 - The parish will adopt good practice guidelines
 - Each person dealing with children, young people and vulnerable adults must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given access to a copy of the Parish's Policy Statement and Good Practice guidelines.
 - As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults the PCC has appointed Liz Foy to the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer.
 - DBS checks will be requested where necessary.
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- **Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of our church today**
 - **They have much to give as well as to receive**
 - **We will listen to them**
 - **As we nurture them in worship, learning and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children, young people and vulnerable adults.**

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on:.....

Paul Deakin 16.01.2019

It will be read out at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in its implementation will be monitored.