



Policy Statement

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

St Matthew's Church (Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath)

This statement was agreed at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) held on 1st May 2022.

- It will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored.
- 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 work 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 work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and to providing supervision.
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children, young people and vulnerable adults must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them.
- Each will have access to a copy of the Diocesan agreed procedures and good practice guidelines. www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk/about-us/children-in-church

As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults, the PCC has appointed **Karen Perry** to be the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.

- 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.