

Christ Church Abingdon

Mentoring Policy for working with Under-18s

This policy was adopted by the PCC meeting on 18 March 2019 and will be reviewed annually thereafter.

1. Christ Church approves of the use of Mentoring within the context of the youth department, as a means of encouraging young people in their spiritual, emotional and social development.
2. Mentoring must be carried out in accordance with the mentoring guidelines and practices set out in the relevant sections of the Safeguarding Manual, and in accordance with guidance in the Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook.
3. All mentoring of young people under the age of 18 will be subject to parental permission and the young person's agreement.
4. The Youth Pastor, or his/her delegated Mentoring Administrator, will be responsible for ensuring that implementation of mentoring practices follows the Guidelines.
5. The Mentoring Guidelines and Practices documentation will be agreed between the Youth Pastor and the Safeguarding Team.
6. All mentors will be recruited in accordance with Safe Recruitment guidelines, and will be accountable to the Youth Pastor / Mentoring Administrator for the duration of any mentoring relationship.

Signed:

Incumbent:

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Church Wardens:

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Date:

18 March 2019