

The Hempnall Group of Parishes

Comprising the Parishes of Bedingham, Hempnall, Morningthorpe and Fritton, Shelton with Hardwick, Topcroft and Woodton.

Policy on Safeguarding Children and Young People in the Church

The Hempnall Group of Parishes and the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) of each of its parishes commit to the safeguarding of children and young people in the church.

1. It is the responsibility of all church members to do their best to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional or spiritual abuse of children and young people, and to report abuse that is alleged or suspected.
2. This church will observe Church of England guidelines with regard to Children and Young People. It will support and resource workers who are appointed by the PCC and provide for them supervision as a way of maintaining good practice.
3. Workers will be expected to undertake the Child Protection Training that is offered by the Diocese and they may be required to obtain a DBS disclosure and complete a Confidential Declaration before commencing their work.
4. Responsibility for the appointment of workers shall rest with the PCC.

This policy was adopted by Parochial Church Council's of the above Parishes in April 2021.

All are displayed in a prominent position and reviewed annually.

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