

This Church operates a SAFEGUARDING Policy to help prevent the abuse of children or young people. A full copy is available on request, but the principles are as follows:

We are committed to:

- **The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults.**
- **The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable.**
- **The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.**

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision, and referral to proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.

