

Parish Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church

This statement was reviewed and adopted by All Saints' Heathfield Parish, with St George's Broad Oak, at a PCC meeting held on Monday 18th November 2013.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the PCC, and a report given to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting by the parish representative, in order that the policy might be monitored.

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our life.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, verbal, emotional, financial, sexual, institutional and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect to the *safeguarding co-coordinator or the incumbent.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Christine Luker to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

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