

Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children or vulnerable adults.

We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating fully in any investigation.

We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.

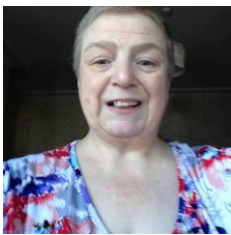
We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

Signed:

Chris Krawiec (Rector) _____

Churchwarden: Carol Bennett Churchwarden : Audrey Woodhouse

Safeguarding Officer



Ruth Nightingale
Church Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officer is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.

You can contact her on: 01524 419135

All our team members have completed safeguarding training.

The following people are our first aiders: **Jackie McCleavy and Lesley Sayer**

Important telephone numbers:

Sharon Hassall Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 07711 485170 or 01254 503415

Email: sharon.hassall@blackburn.anglican.org

Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS) 24 hour helpline: 0845 120 4550

Childline: 0800 1111

Family Lives (was "Parentline Plus") : 0808800 2222