

## **Christ Church Ainsworth: Policy Statement on Adults at Risk and the Church**

This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and amended on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. It will be read out at

- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting; and
  - at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will 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 lives.
  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, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
  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.
  11. As part of our commitment to Vulnerable Adults, the PCC has appointed Peter Holden to be the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator. Peter can be contacted on 07722 364242 or 01204 596938. The Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (Abbey Clephane-Wilson) can be contacted on 0161 828 1451 / 07436 589606. If you need to make urgent contact outside of office hours contact the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) on 0845 120 4550.