

Christ Church Ainsworth

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church

This statement was ratified at the PCC meeting held on 12th May 2020. 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. As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
 2. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
 3. We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
 4. Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing, and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision.
 5. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
 6. Each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines.
 7. As part of our commitment to children and young people, 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.

• **Children and young people are an important part of our Church today.**

• **They have much to give as well as to receive.**

• **We will listen to them.**

• **As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children and young people.**

Note:

Non-Church organisations using the Ainsworth Church and Community Hall are required to have a Child Protection policy in line with Diocesan guidelines contained in 'Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk'. In the event of there being a concern about the protection of a child or an accusation being made about a leader, compliance with organisational child protection policies takes precedence. Nonetheless we expect the Child Protection Parish Co-ordinator and / or the Vicar to be informed.