

Principles of the House of Bishops Policy for Safeguarding Children

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. 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.

Principles

We are committed to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people 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 responsibilities within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that a child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation, in conjunction with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

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.

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

This principle statement will be renewed annually and progress in carrying it out will be monitored by **The Safeguarding Coordinator who is:**

Keith Mountford

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please contact Keith Mountford at:

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Or Donna Bernard- Carlin, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser - 01636 817200.

This statement was agreed by Nottingham St Peter and All Saints Parochial Church Council.

Date: 7th February 2018

Signed:  (Incumbent)

Signed:  (Lay Chair of PCC or Churchwarden.)