

## **PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement**

Parish of Christ the Saviour

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

- We accept and endorse the principles set out in "Safeguarding in the Diocese of London"
- 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 community
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with police and social services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by a person in a position of Trust.
- We will offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will supervise and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child young person or vulnerable adult while offering pastoral care and support.

The PCC of the Church has adopted the above Policy at its meeting on.....

We have appointed...DAVID MEGGITT.....as our Safeguarding Officer (CSO)

Copies of "Safeguarding in the Diocese of London" and any Parish Guidelines and Procedures are held by .....DAVID MEGGITT

The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place at the first PCC meeting. The next Review will take place on the 16th January 2019

Signed

Vicar/Rector/Priest in Charge.....

Churchwarden.....

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