



St Bartholomew and All Saints Church

Royal Wotton Bassett

Parish Policy Statement for safeguarding Children and Young People 2017-2018

The following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 19th September 2017

- The Parochial Church Council of this Parish acknowledges its responsibilities for all work with children and young people that is done in the name of the church. It requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued through the Diocese of Salisbury.
- We are committed to adopt and implement a safeguarding policy for children and young people, accepting as a minimum the House of Bishops' Policy on safeguarding children and young people (Protecting all God's Children 2010). In addition, the parish will follow the Diocese of Salisbury's framework for safeguarding and good practice while being responsive to local parish requirements.
- We are committed to reviewing our Safeguarding Policy annually, and as part of this to check that our parish safeguarding procedures, including DBS checks, are up to date and relevant. Our policy will be endorsed at the first full meeting of the PCC following the APCM so that new members are aware of their responsibilities, and to confirm the existence of the parish policy.
- We will ensure that all the necessary checks are made to promote the safe selection and recruitment of ordained and lay ministers, paid workers and volunteers working with children and young people, and to provide the necessary supervision, training and support in order that they can undertake their roles effectively.
- We will respond without delay to every concern raised that a child or young person may have been harmed, or at risk from harm or abuse, or be at risk from the behaviour of an adult or other child.
- We will fully cooperate with the Diocese and appropriate statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct our own investigations. We will endeavour to act in an open, transparent and accountable way in working in partnership with the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Children's Social Care Services, the Police, Probation Services and other agencies to safeguard children and young people and assist in bringing to justice anyone who has committed an offence against them.
- We will ensure that informed pastoral care is made available to any affected child/young person and their families, and to any member of our church community against whom an allegation is made.

We have appointed as our Parish Safeguarding Representative Mr John Palmer
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Signed:

..... J.D. Curtis Revd. Canon Jane Curtis, Vicar

..... Ruth Sexton Mrs Ruth Sexton, Churchwarden

..... David Taylor Mr David Taylor, Churchwarden

8th October 2017