

Diocese of Oxford

Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement

Parish of **Charlbury with Shorthampton**

1. We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy *Protecting all God's Children*, and the diocesan procedures. At the time of writing these procedures are based on:
 - i. *Promoting a Safe Church 2006*
 - ii. *Joint Statement of Safeguarding Principles for the Church of England and the Methodist Church of Great Britain 2010*
 - iii. *Responding to Domestic Abuse 2006*
 - iv. *Dignity at Work 2008*
 - v. *Safeguarding Guidelines relating to Safer Recruitment 2010* (interim version)
 - vi. *Responding Well to those who have been sexually abused 2011*
2. We are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of the children within our church community.
3. We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers; volunteers and paid workers with children and young people using the Criminal Records Bureau, to check the background of each person.
4. We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that a child or young person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
5. We will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation they make into allegations concerning a member of the church community.
6. We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
7. We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
8. We will review this policy annually, and, as part of this, check that all our procedures, including the CRB Annex, are up to date.

Our **Safe-guarding Representative** is:

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Signed Incumbent

Churchwardens

Date

This policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held in May 2017.