

**PCC Safeguarding Policy Statement**

**Parish of St. Giles' Cripplegate**

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.

- We accept and endorse the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for safeguarding children (*Protecting All God's Children, 2010*) and safeguarding adults in the Church of England (*Promoting a Safe Church, 2006*).
- *We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.*
- *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 a paid or voluntary position with children or adults at risk, including the use of Criminal Records disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Independent Safeguarding Authority.*
- *We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.*
- *We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.*
- *We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.*
- *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 or adult at risk.*

*The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. April 2022***

*We have appointed **Mark Hunter** as our Church Safeguarding Officer, **Rachel Free** as our Children's Champion and **Diana Morgan Gray** as our Champion for Vulnerable People.*

*Copies of the Parish's Safeguarding Children and Young People's policy and Safeguarding Adults at Risk policy are held by: **Mark Hunter***

*The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place **after the APCM in 2023.***

*Signed:*

*Lay Vice Chair .....*

*Churchwarden .....*

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