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SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

- 1. As members of this PCC we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members, particularly the children, young people and vulnerable adults ("vulnerable people"), and regard this as being of paramount importance.
- 2. We recognise that our work with vulnerable people is the responsibility of the whole Church community. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as "vulnerable" at some time in our lives and we commit ourselves to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be "vulnerable".
- 3. We will implement Church of England and Diocesan safe recruitment policies and procedures, which are based on the relevant government safeguarding legislation and guidance.
- 4. We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers, volunteers and paid workers working with vulnerable people using the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.
- 5. We will respond, without delay, to every complaint made that a vulnerable person, for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed.
- 6. We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the Church community.
- 7. We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or children, young person or adult vulnerable person who has suffered abuse.
- 8. We will care for and supervise any member of our Church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.
- 9. We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to safeguarding legislation and guidance, are up to date.

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