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SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT - Promoting a Safer Church

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. We accordingly adopt the House of Bishops "Promoting a Safer Church: Safeguarding Policy Statement" and will work within the Simple Quality Protects Safeguarding programme of the Chichester Diocese.

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".

Our Church will:

- implement Church of England and Diocesan safe recruitment policies and procedures, which are based on the relevant government safeguarding legislation and guidance. 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.
- respond, without delay, to every complaint made that a vulnerable person, for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed.
- co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the Church community.
- seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or children, young person or adult vulnerable person who has suffered abuse.
- care for and supervise any member of our Church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.
- ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities.
- ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- 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.

Our appointed Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator is: Mr Roderick Montague

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Agreed at the PCC Meeting on 5th July 2021