

## **Parish safeguarding Policy**

**St. Mary's, Iffley**

**July 2018.**

**We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Being faithful to that call enjoins us to welcome all and especially those who are most vulnerable. It is all our responsibility to protect and support them.**

In accordance with the Joint Safeguarding Statement between the Church of England and the Methodist Church we make the following policy commitments:

- To provide a safe environment and culture for children, young people and vulnerable adults connected in any way to St. Mary's.
- To use all means to safely recruit all those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. This means using Diocesan resources, confidentiality forms and DBS checks. All are regularly reviewed.
- To have clear lines of supervision and provide training and support to volunteers.
- To actively manage risk.
- To always respond to allegations of abuse. To liaise with statutory bodies if necessary.
- To act with respect and integrity at all times.
- To regularly evaluate and update best practice.

On the ground this means that we are complying with the latest safeguarding requirements for all in the congregation who spend time with children and vulnerable adults.

Those who volunteer in the Crèche, the Fish & Chip Club and with Community Cupboard. Plus pastoral visitors and licensed home communion volunteers. We are more than halfway through the number of people involved.

There are some who have no email address or familiar with using a computer. This was initially thought to be possible with assistance but it has not proved so. A complaint has been made to the Diocese and will be taken up nationally.

Penny Tyack has agreed to continue as our **Children's Advocate** and her details are displayed in the Creche and F&C room.

We have appropriate **insurance** for the buildings we use and care of children.

A file with relevant information is kept in both places for volunteers and important contacts are displayed on a poster in both places.

**First Aid and Accident books and fire extinguishers** are in both places and regularly checked.

Contact details of each child are kept securely.

**Hirers of the Hall** who use it more than three times a year and include children and/or vulnerable adults in their groups have provided their own safeguarding documents.

**Living Stones participants** do so under the supervision of the responsible adult(s) with whom they came.

**Community cupboard.** There are ongoing discussions with the Methodist church in Rose hill, our partners, as to how the safeguarding will be done in the future. At the moment we are handling it.