

# **CHASE BENEFICE**

## **Parish Safeguarding Policy**

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church.

**In accordance with ‘Promoting a Safer Church - The Church of England’s safeguarding policy for children, young people and adults, 2017, the churches in this Benefice are committed to the following :**

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

### **The Parishes in the Chase Benefice will:**

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Benefice Safeguarding Officer (BSO) to work with the incumbent and the Parochial Church Councils in the Chase Benefice to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Benefice website the details of whom to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed periodically.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Protection Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

### **The Chase Benefice Safeguarding Officer:**

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This policy will be reviewed each year.