

# Chudleigh Parish Church Safeguarding Policy

The Safeguarding Policy of Chudleigh Parish Church, is informed by and based upon the Safeguarding Policy and Guidance for Parishes of the Diocese of Exeter (2014), and the Church of England Practice Guidance: Safer Recruitment (July 2016). More information can be found on the Diocesan website, [www.exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding](http://www.exeter.anglican.org/resources/safeguarding) or by asking one of the Diocesan or Parish Safeguarding Officers or the Incumbent.

## I. Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in the Church

- This statement was adopted by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Chudleigh Parish Church at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- This policy will be reviewed each year.

Our policy is:

- 1 To accept the prime duty of care placed upon the incumbent and the PCC to ensure the well-being of children and young people in the church community.
- 2 To appoint a Parish Safeguarding Representative to monitor safeguarding concerns and, if that person is not a PCC member, to appoint a PCC member as a Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator.
- 3 To display prominently both the Childline telephone number (0800 1111) and the name of the Parish Safeguarding Representative for Child Protection Concerns.
- 4 To ensure that all those authorised to work with children and young people or in a position of authority are appropriately appointed, trained and supported, and provide all authorised personnel with a copy of the parish child protection policy, procedures and good practice guidelines.
- 5 To pay particular attention to children with special needs and those from ethnic minorities to ensure their full integration and protection within the church community.
- 6 To create a culture of informed vigilance which takes children seriously.
- 7 To ensure that appropriate pastoral care is available for those adults who have disclosed that they have been abused as children.
- 8 To provide, as appropriate, support for all parents and families in the congregation.
- 9 To ensure that those who may pose a threat to children and young people are effectively managed and monitored.
- 10 To ensure that appropriate health and safety policies and procedures are in place and insurance cover for all activities undertaken in the name of the parish.

The PCC of Chudleigh Parish Church, re-appointed Carole Grose as the Parish Safeguarding Representative for Safeguarding Concerns at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and Alison Phillips as Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

### Signed:

Incumbent                      Paul Wimsett

Churchwardens              Steve Cox                      Clare Lillington

Date                              20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

## **2. Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect**

- This statement was adopted by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Chudleigh Parish Church at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- This policy will be reviewed each year.

Our policy is:

1. We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk of abuse or neglect at some times in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be at risk.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be at risk.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
10. Each person who works with adults at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

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### **Signed:**

Incumbent	Paul Wimsett
Churchwarden	Steve Cox, Clare Lillington
Date	20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017