

## **Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Churches of St John the Baptist, Hartford and Christ Church, Greenbank.**

**This statement was agreed at the PCC meeting held on 28th March 2017**

This policy statement will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored.

1. 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.
2. As members of this parish, we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care of all children and adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of our churches.
4. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of children and adults at risk.
5. It is the responsibility of *each one of us* to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
6. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with children and adults at risk.
8. Our churches are committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. Our churches are committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese of Chester, [The Chester Diocesan Safeguarding Policy - 'Safe in our Care'](#).
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding in the parish, the PCC has appointed Mrs Joyce Halliday (St John's) and Mr Ed Robinson (Christ Church) to be Safeguarding Co-ordinators.

*Note: "Vulnerable people" includes children, young people and adults.*