

**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH COLEHILL**

Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on May 22 2019

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress that has been achieved.

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 for 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 the church.
4. We commit ourselves to safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people 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 work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the policy of the Church of England as set out in Promoting a Safer Church and will adhere to Diocesan guidelines
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

The PCC appoints Debbie Stevenson to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies, as the Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) and Jo Clayton as deputy PSR/Choir Chaperone.

Vicar.....*Bill Patten*.....

Churchwarden...*Debbie Stevenson*.....

Churchwarden...*Jo Clayton*.....

Date.....*22.5.19*.....