

## PCC SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

### ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

- Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. This implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.
- We accept and endorse the principles set out in *Diocesan Safeguarding Policy for Parishes 2017* and the *House of Bishop Policy 2017*.
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in both paid and voluntary positions with children or vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making sure the right people are DBS checked.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them appropriate pastoral support.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on Monday 20th November 2017

### SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We have appointed the following team from different parts of our Church family to lead on safeguarding in our Church family. Anthony Goble (Congregation), Nathan Kiyaga (Clergy), Trina (LR), Sam Hart (YC and Diocesan Safeguarding Rep) and Virginia Hunt (Prayer ministry) .

Speak to any of the above if you have any concern within the Church family.

The diocese will communicate with this team for any matters concerning safeguarding unless that matter directly involves one of them then a confidential process will be actioned.

If an issue involves any of the above members then please speak to Sam Hart.

If the matter involves Sam Hart then speak to the Priest in Charge (Simon May in this case).

In the event that Simon May is not present, please contact the diocese safeguarding team.

### Diocese of Exeter

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