

## **St Barnabas has adopted the Principles of the House of Bishop's Policy for Safeguarding Adults and Young People**

We believe every person has an intrinsic value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. As Christians we see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ Jesus. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

### **Principles**

Here at St Barnabas we are committed to:

- Respectful pastoral ministry to all within our church community.
- The safeguarding and protection of all vulnerable peoples within our church community.

We are dedicated to carefully selecting and training all those with pastoral responsibilities within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of the Disclosure and Barring Service.

We will respond without delay to any concerns raised which suggests that an adult or young person, for whom we are responsible, has been harmed. We are committed to doing this in full co-operation with all relevant authorities, including the police and social care, in any resulting investigations.

We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.

We will seek to challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.

We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a vulnerable person.

In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

This principle statement will be renewed annually and progress in carrying it out will be monitored by **The Safeguarding Coordinator who is:**

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This statement was agreed by St Barnabas Parochial Church Council.  
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Signed: Ruth Young

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