

## All Saints, Thelwall

# Policy on the Safeguarding of Children & Adults in the Church

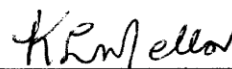
1. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
2. As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust
5. The parish commits itself to the proactive inclusion and empowerment of children and adults at risk.
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 will work with children and adults at risk.
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 procedures of the Church of England and the Diocese of Chester.
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Elaine Whittaker to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people as our parish safeguarding officer and Colin Horrabin and Pip Horne as our Childrens' advocates.

**The PCC affirmed its commitment to the above at its meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018:**



Chairman (the Vicar)



PCC Secretary

*The Parochial Church Council has also complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding & Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding and vulnerable adults).*