



### **Parish Policy Statement on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in God's image. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particular children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church.

We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working with children and vulnerable adults.

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

We will seek to offer pastoral care to anyone who has suffered abuse.

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.

#### **Safeguarding Officers**

**David Holmes**  
Lead Church Safeguarding Officer

**Liz Campbell**  
Safeguarding Officer

Our Safeguarding Officers are the first people to speak to if you have any concerns around the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult.

You can contact David on 07949412780 or email [david20holmes@gmail.com](mailto:david20holmes@gmail.com)

Liz Campbell [elizabeth1campbell1@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth1campbell1@gmail.com)

#### ***Important telephone numbers***

If David or Liz are unavailable, please contact:-

Cath Smith Diocese Safeguarding Advisor, Telephone 07711 485170  
email: [Catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:Catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org)

Deputy Safeguarding Advisor Sophie Booth on 07468971759

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31.8 (formally known as CCPAS) Christian Safeguarding Charity 24 hour helpline: 03030031111

The Safeguarding Team can be contacted at Clayton House, Walker Office Park, Blackburn, BB1 2QE on 01254 503088.

