



## PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER CHORLEY



### SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's recreation 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 'Safeguarding in the Diocese of Blackburn'.
- 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 and vulnerable adults, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- We will respond without delay the 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 correct authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

**The PCC and Church have agreed and adopted this policy at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

In agreement with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, we have appointed:

**Louise Benney and Carole Keegan as our Church Safeguarding Officers.**

Copies of 'Safeguarding in the Diocese of Blackburn' and any parish guidelines and procedures are held by the PCC and Church Safeguarding Officers.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Next review date- November 2022

Dated 11/11/2021

Signed on behalf on the PCC by: the Rev'd Rebecca Feeney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Feeney'.

Position: Curate-in-Charge and Parish Priest, Chairman of the PCC