

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION POLICY

Statement

St Augustine's Church and the Church of England generally is committed to respectful pastoral ministry to all adults within our community and to the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable people. In particular, we:

1. 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. commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister
3. commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable who visit the church building in any capacity
4. commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust
5. commit ourselves to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable
6. recognise that 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 abuse that we discover or suspect
7. undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work in any capacity with people who may be vulnerable
8. commit ourselves to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable
9. undertake to ensure that each person who works with vulnerable people agrees to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by the Parochial Church Council.
10. work closely with the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor on all matters regarding the protection of vulnerable adults.

This DCC has appointed **The Revd Ank Rigelsford** to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people

This policy is reviewed annually. Next review date 1 May 2017