

Policy Statement on the Safeguarding of Adults in the Church of St Cross, Clayton

This statement was adopted at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 8 February 2018

As a church community the Parish Church of St Cross, Clayton is committed to:

- i) The care and nurture of all children and adults.
- ii) The safeguarding and protection of all children and adults including adults at risk.
- iii) Ensuring that all people feel welcome, respected and safe from abuse.
- iv) Encouraging all to be active contributors to the church community.
- v) Protecting those adults who may be vulnerable from actual or potential harm.

We adopt in full the model statement on the safeguarding of adults in a parish taken from *Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk*, Manchester Diocese Handbook of Policy and Procedures (updated May 2017) which is as follows:

- We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- 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.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.

- The parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
 - The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.
 - Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.
 - This church appoints Mark Robinson to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.
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Note – Definition of Adults at Risk

Adult safeguarding duties apply to any adult who:-

- i) Has care and support needs;
- ii) Is experiencing, or is at risk of abuse or neglect; and
- iii) Is unable to protect themselves because of their care and support needs.

This policy can be reviewed and amended at any time. Any amendment must be agreed by the PCC.