

## **Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St Cross, Clayton**

**This statement was amended and agreed at the PCC meeting held on 3 October 2024**

- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to following the policy and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines. Each sidesperson, member of the PCC, Sunday School Teacher and Sunday School Helper will be given a copy of the parish's good practice guidelines.
- As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed Dereck Mzungu to be the Parish Safeguarding Officer and will ensure that named successors are appointed as and when required.
- This policy can be reviewed and amended at any time. Any amendment must be agreed by the PCC.
- **Children and young people are an important part of our Church today.**
- **They have much to give as well as to receive.**
- **We will listen to them.**
- **As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children and young people.**