



Leadership Team Safeguarding Adults Statement

The following statement was agreed by the leadership on:

We are committed to safeguarding vulnerable adults and ensuring their well-being.

- We recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, spiritual, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect
- We recognise the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable adults and will ensure all our policies and procedures and practice reflect this
- We believe all adults should enjoy and have access to every aspect of the life of this place of worship
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with vulnerable adults, or who will be in positions of trust. We will promote safer practice and support, resource and train and regularly review those who undertake this work
- We will keep up to date with national and local developments relating to safeguarding. We will follow statutory, denominational and specialist guidelines in relation to safeguarding adults and we will ensure that all workers will work within the agreed procedure of our safeguarding policy
- We will implement the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 and 2005 and all other relevant legislation
- We will support everyone in the place of worship/organisation who may be affected by abuse of any kind

We recognise that:

- Adult Social Care has the lead responsibility for investigating all allegations or suspicions of abuse where there are concerns about a vulnerable adult
- Where an allegation suggests that a criminal offence may have been committed, the police should be contacted as a matter of urgency
- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

We will review this statement and our policy annually

Signed by Christchurch Managing Trustees and displayed on the Church Notice Board

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Scott Tones (Pastor)

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Len Young

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Nick Hall

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Josh Griffith

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