The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on…………………… …………………

We will fully accept and implement the Policy Statement of the Church of England – [**Promoting a Safer Church**](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/cofe-policy-statement.pdf) as the policy statement for this Parish/Benefice/LEP/Cathedral

We commend also for use within the Parish ‘[**The Diocesan Handbook for Safeguarding in relation to Safeguarding.**’](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-10/Parish%20Safeguarding%20Handbook%20October%202018.pdf) (Full list of Diocesan Policies can be found [**here**](https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/diocesan-compendium/safeguarding/safeguarding-policies/))

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

* Promoting a safer environment and culture.
* Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
* Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
* Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
* Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
* Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

* Create a safe and caring place for all.
* Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
* Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
* Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
* Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
* Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
* Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
* Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
* Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
* Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
* Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

**This church appoints \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the Parish Safeguarding Officer**

Incumbent ...................................................................

Churchwardens ................................................................ ………………………………………............................................­­­­­­