

Parish Policy Statement for Safeguarding Adults when they are Vulnerable 2017

Parish of St Mary's Gravesend

in the Church of England Diocese of Rochester.

The following policy was agreed at The Parochial Church Council (PCC)
meeting held on 20/11/17

- We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that all adults should be offered respect and given inclusion and empowerment within the church
- We are committed to adopt and implement a safeguarding policy for adults when they are vulnerable, accepting as a minimum the House of Bishops' Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Promoting a Safe Church 2006). In addition the parish will follow the diocesan policy, procedures and recommended good practice, while being responsive to local parish requirement
- We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually, at the first meeting of the PCC, so that new members are aware of their responsibilities and confirm the existence of their parish policy on safeguarding adults when they are vulnerable
- We will undertake careful selection of all those who will work with vulnerable groups and appropriate support and opportunities for training
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that a vulnerable person for whom we are responsible may have been harmed
- This parish will cooperate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any adult who has suffered abuse
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended
- The Parochial Church Council of this parish acknowledges its responsibility for all work with young and vulnerable people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued through the Diocese of Rochester

We have appointed, as our Parish/Deanery Safeguarding Adults' Representative (*please complete all details clearly*):

Name

Address (including postcode)

Telephone.....Email.....

Signed: *Parish Priest/Incumbent* **OR** *Chair of PCC in a vacancy*

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AND

Churchwarden.....

*Please keep one copy with PCC minutes, display one on a church notice board, AND
return one copy by 31 July 2017 to:*

*The Secretary, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Group,
Diocese of Rochester, Diocesan Office, St Nicholas' Church, Boley Hill Rochester, ME1 1SL*