

Parish Policy Statement for Safeguarding Children 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 are committed to implementing a safeguarding children policy and procedures, accepting as a minimum the House of Bishops' Policy, Protecting All God's Children (4th edition 2010). In addition the Parish will follow the diocesan 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 new PCC, so that new members are aware of their responsibilities and confirm the existence of their parish policy on child protection.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people, and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made, that a child or young 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 child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
- The Parochial Church Council of this parish acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young 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 Children's Representative (*please complete all details clearly*):

Name

Address (including postcode)

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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*