

Policy Number 7

St. Peter's Church, Inkberrow

A POLICY FOR SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS

Agreed Policy (from St. Peter's PCC June 2018)

The nominated Parish Bishop's Representative for Safeguarding checks is:

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The following policy has been agreed and is implemented by the PCC of Inkberrow:

1. The PCC is committed to the safeguarding and the care of vulnerable adults within its church community and amongst those who are served in its pastoral outreach. It is aware of and will implement the House of Bishops' *Promoting a Safe Church*, the *Safer Recruiting* guidelines (2013) and current diocesan procedures. Hard copies are available at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Churches. They can also be accessed at <http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>.
2. The PCC carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers, volunteers and paid workers who work with vulnerable adults - especially those who have direct contact with them in situations of pastoral care, community transport, lunch clubs and other social gatherings sponsored by the PCC.
3. The PCC will respond without delay to every complaint made that a vulnerable adult for whom it is responsible may have been harmed or is in significant danger. It will immediately notify appropriate bodies and take advice from the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor.
4. The PCC will offer informed pastoral care to any adult who has suffered abuse and provide them with details of local and national support agencies.
5. In the selection process outlined in section 2, we will use the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) amongst other tools to check the background of each person as outlined in the diocesan procedures.
6. The PCC will make reasonable endeavour to ensure the provision of appropriate supervision and pastoral care for any member of our St Peter's community known to have offended against a vulnerable adult.
7. The PCC will review this policy annually and, as part of this, check that all its procedures and activities involving vulnerable adults, including the DBS process and checks, are up to date.
8. The PCC will review our insurance policy for those working with vulnerable adults and the volunteers who have contact with them.
9. A copy of this Policy will be made publicly available through the parish website. All those named as Responsible Persons (see overleaf) receive a copy of this Policy.

The PCC has identified the following activities involving vulnerable adults. Below are details of the activities, frequency, location, and person responsible:

Overall Responsibility within the Church Community	Churchwardens	Guy Ledger Robin Lunn
	PCC (min 3)	Churchwardens Rev'd Bruce Rienstra

Activity	Frequency	Location	Person(s) responsible for Supervision & Recruitment
Parish Lunch Club (including transport)	Monthly on 3 rd Wednesdays	St. Peter's Hall	Elizabeth Collins Pam Welsh Maureen Davies
Pastoral Care Network Members	Visiting in people's homes as required	Various	Elizabeth Collins Jill Beddall
Good Company	Befriending in people's homes on a regular basis	Various	Elizabeth Collins Colin Marshall <i>(All volunteers to adhere to training and good practice)</i>
Dementia Cafe	Monthly	St. Peter's Hall	Lynda Longbottom
Transport to services and other church events	As required and arranged	Various	Colin Marshall Elizabeth Collins
Quest	Monthly	Various	Nigel Seyler Anne Havas
St. Peter's Churchyard Working Party Team	Occasional	St. Peter's Churchyard	Charmian Gibson Ian Horsfield
Eucharistic Ministers for Communion at home	Normally monthly (or occasional)	Mill House plus individuals' homes	Diane Hayward-Wright Bruce Rienstra
Healing Ministry	Monthly	St. Peter's Church	Nigel Seyler Jill Beddall

This Policy was discussed and agreed at the PCC meeting held on: **June 2018**

Signed by Churchwarden:

Safeguarding Representative:

Incumbent: