

## Safeguarding Adults in Need of Additional Care and Support Churnside Benefice

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress that has been achieved and a copy shared with the Archdeacon at the time of the Visitation. It has been adopted by each of the parish's PCCs (All Hallows, South Cerney with Holy Trinity, Cerney Wick, St.Peter's, Siddington and All Saints, Preston).

This policy was last reviewed and adopted by the PCCs in May 2024

- I. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as being in need of additional care and support at some time in our lives.
- 2. As members of this benefice we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- 3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of all adults who may be at risk due to their need for additional care and support, ensuring their well-being in the life of this benefice.
- 4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- 5. The benefice commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of all adults who may be at risk.
- 6. The PCC(s) recognise the variation in provision of activity that may include vulnerable adults within the different parishes that form part of the benefice.

Current activities where vulnerable adults may be present include (but are not necessarily limited to):

Lighthouse

Pastoral visits, including home Communion and visits for Occasional Offices (weddings, funerals and baptisms)

Home groups

Lifts to church

Bell ringing, Choir, Music Group

Prayer Ministry

Social and Hospitality events eg. Soup Lunch, Cake and Co.

7. It is the responsibility of each of us (not just the nominated person or clergy team) to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of adults who may be at risk and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.

- 8. We undertake to exercise proper care in the safer recruitment practices of all appointment processes of those who will work with adults who may be at risk. This would include, but is not limited to, members of the pastoral support, home communion and bereavement teams as well as those involved in our care home and sheltered housing ministries.
- 9. The benefice is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst adults who may be at risk, including volunteers. This extends to those supporting ministers in attendance at Hunters Care Home, The Lakes Care Home and Mulberry Court and Boxbush sheltered housing.
- 10. The benefice adopts the national Church of England guidelines, and those of the Diocese.
- II. Each person who works with adults who may be at risk will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

Each parish has its own nominated person(s) for Safeguarding who can be contacted, as below, for advice about any concerns. In their absence the nominated person from another parish within the benefice can be contacted, or a member of the clergy team.

Parish	Nominated Person(s)	Contact Details
All Hallows, South Cerney with	Carolyn Kennedy	07974 575795
Cerney Wick	Tracy Smith	07791 779497
St Peter's, Siddington	Sallyanne Howe	07825 538157
All Saints, Preston	Elisabeth Cooper	01285 656276

Incumbent: Revd Jennifer McKenzie. May 2024

## All Hallows, South Cerney & Holy Trinity, Cerney Wick

Churchwarden - Martin Gould.

Churchwarden - Roger Edgar

## St Peter's, Siddington

Churchwarden - Allen Howe

Churchwarden – Eddie Perrettson

## All Saints, Preston

PCC Representative – Rosie Jones