

THE BENEFICE OF CAMPTON, CLOPHILL AND HAYNES

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, HAYNES.

The PCC wholeheartedly accepts its moral responsibility; and its duty as expressed in the Children Act 1999 and its subsequent legislation; to do all that it can to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm whilst they are involved with activities connected with the church.

In doing so we will strive to implement what is considered to be best practice in this regard, as defined by relevant authorities in the Church of England and also the relevant Statutory Agencies.

Accordingly the Rector, Churchwardens and the PCC will:

- Appoint an officer to supervise our responsibilities in this area.
- Provide as safe and welcoming environment as possible for children and young people who take part in activities run by the church.
- Undertake to exercise proper care in both the selection and appointment processes of those working with children and vulnerable adults.
- Maintain a register of those authorised to work with children and vulnerable adults; including the details of their satisfactory, and up date, check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) (formerly CRB)
- Encourage and support those working with children and vulnerable adults to undertake appropriate training as and when it is necessary; and to keep themselves aware of what is considered to be best practice in their work.
- Where there are concerns about the welfare of a particular child or vulnerable adult; to seek the advice of the Diocesan Child Protection Officer or the relevant Social Services Department on how best to proceed.

This policy was formally agreed and adopted at a meeting of the Haynes PCC held on Tuesday 20th July 2016

Rector and Chairman of the PCC.....

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