

Parish child protection policy statement

Parish of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Shoreham Beach

This following policy was agreed at the PCC meeting held on Sunday 20th July 2014

As members of this PCC, we are committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of all our members, particularly the children and young people.

- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We are committed to implementing the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy 'Protecting All God's Children' (2010 edition), and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy "The Care and Protection of Children"
- We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers; volunteers and paid workers with children and young people using the Disclosure and Barring Service, amongst other tools, to check the background of each person.
- We will respond, without delay, to every complaint made that a child or young person, for whom we are responsible, may have been harmed.
- **We will co-operate fully with statutory agencies during any investigation concerning a member of the church community.**
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any child or children, 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.
- We will review this policy annually and as part of this process will ensure that all our procedures, particularly in relation to the Disclosure and Barring Service, are up to date.

Our Parish Child Protection Co-ordinator is:

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Signed:

Parish Priest / Incumbent Date

Churchwarden Date

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A copy of this statement is to be displayed in the church and church hall.