

Old Church Smethwick

This statement was adopted by Old Church Smethwick at a Parochial Church Council meeting held in October 2015.

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

The Parochial Church Council, on behalf of the Old Church family as a whole, adopt with enthusiasm and commit themselves to implementing the following Policy on the Safeguarding of Adults who are in any way associated with the ministry of Old Church.

- We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
- We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- Old Church commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- We recognise the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who with work with people who may be vulnerable.
- Old Church Smethwick is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.

- Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

Old Church appoints Wendy Sorby and Jeff Guest to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable adults at our meetings and to outside bodies.

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