

## 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 in connection with Responding Well to concerns about sexual abuse and particularly to Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse with adults and children who are in any way associated with the ministry of Old Church.

As a church,

- We accept that we have a responsibility to make known that the Diocese provides listening support and help to those who want this support and will advise those about access to such support and help.
- We are aware that we have a duty, where required, to report and refer abuse to statutory bodies.
- We recognise that if there are concerns at Old Church that a child or adult has been or is being abused, that we must refer our concerns to the Bishop's adviser as set out in *God's Children: our Diocese* and in the *Adult Safeguarding Parish Pack*.

Whilst urgent concerns will need to be directed to the Bishop's adviser without delay, Old Church appoints Wendy Fullerton and Jeff Guest to be the first parish contacts in connection with adult concerns and Sian Smith in connection with child concerns, as well as and in addition to the vicar in both cases.

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