



## The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

*He has told you, what is good and what the Lord requires of you; to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*

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### Safeguarding Policy Summary

The Parishes of St Giles Whittington, St Mary's Weeford and St Bartholomew's Hints recognize the unique status of children and vulnerable adults and our responsibility to protect them at all times. The Church is required by God to foster relationships of the highest integrity, truthfulness and trustworthiness. All in or churches have a responsibility for the care of children and vulnerable adults. Those with specific roles must use their position with sensitivity and integrity. We recognize the integrity, uniqueness and value of every person as a 'child of God,' made in God's image and likeness.

***The Parish affirms that children and vulnerable adults have the right:***

- to prosper in a safe, secure, stable and loving environment.
- to be protected from all forms of harm, including neglect, abuse and exploitation.
- to be listened to and heard.
- to have their cultural, racial and social background and experience valued and respected.
- to be considered as individuals with particular needs.
- to be given opportunities to reach their full potential.

***The Parish affirms that we all have the responsibility:***

- to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected at all times.
- to provide a safe, secure and loving environment.
- to provide support, encouragement and stimulation to enable each person to reach his or her full potential.

*The Parish affirms that it accepts the principle and intention of the Children Act 1989 and all safeguarding legislation so that the welfare of everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults, is paramount at all times.*

***The Parish will:***

- report any allegations of abuse against children and vulnerable adults immediately to the Statutory Authorities and Diocese.
- ensure that all clergy, staff and volunteers working with children are carefully selected and supervised.
- require those working with children to adhere to safe working practices.
- give due regard to health and safety issues.
- provide appropriate training for the clergy, staff and volunteers.
- require organizations who use church and church hall premises to agree to these practices and where appropriate to present their own safeguarding policies.

**If you have any concerns, please contact the named person below or the authorities.**

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