

Safeguarding Policy

Children and Young People in the Church

This policy was adopted by the **Parish of Thetford** at the Parochial Church Council meeting of Thetford held on Monday 2nd December 2019. It will be displayed in a prominent position, reviewed annually, and amended as necessary.

1. It is the responsibility of all church members to do their best to prevent the physical, sexual, emotional and spiritual abuse or neglect of children and young people, and to report abuse that is alleged or suspected.
2. Our churches will observe Church of England guidelines with regard to Children and Young People. They will support and resource workers who are appointed by the PCC, and provide for them supervision as a way of maintaining good practice.
3. Workers will be expected to undertake the Child Protection Training that is offered by the Diocese and they may be required to obtain a DBS disclosure and complete a Confidential Declaration before commencing their work.
4. Responsibility for the appointment of workers shall rest with the PCC.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer appointed by the PCC to oversee the implementation of this policy and to represent the concerns and views of children and young people is **The Revd Dr Peter Herbert**.

Signed by:

Parish Safeguarding Officer (Children & Young People) – The Revd Dr Peter Herbert (Tel: 01842 763579):

Incumbent – The Revd Dr Peter Herbert:

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