

St. John's Church Killingworth

Safeguarding Policy

As members of this Parish we commit ourselves to care for one another safely.

We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some times in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- The safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well- being in the life of the church.
- Promoting safe practice by those in position of trust.
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- Recruit safely following the recognised procedures.
- Support, resourcing, training, and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children, young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse.

We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese.

Each person who works within the guidelines of the Church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by the church.

This Church appoints as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

This Church appoints as the DBS Administrator

This Policy is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and re- affirmed at the Annual Church Meeting.