

The United Benefice of Dartmouth and Dittisham

St Clement's St Saviour's St Petrox St George's

Safeguarding Policy 2019

This policy statement was agreed at the following meetings of the Parochial Church Councils of Dartmouth and Dittisham:

Date of meeting of the Parish of Dartmouth 2nd July 2019 (Reviewed) **Version 4**

Date of meeting of the Parish of Dittisham 30th October 2019 (Reviewed) **Version 4**

'As members of the PCC we commit our church community to the support, nurture, protection and safeguarding of all, especially the young and vulnerable. We recognise that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church community. We are fully committed to acting within current legislation, guidance, national frameworks and the Diocesan Safeguarding procedures. We will also act in an open, transparent and accountable way in working in partnership with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Children and Adult Social Care Services, the Police, Probation Services and other agencies to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. We welcome staff and volunteers who are recruited in accordance with House of Bishops' Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. This means we will ensure that those who are employed or who volunteer to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults are suitable for the role, that they know what the role entails and that they are supported in carrying it out.'

The online link to the Diocesan Parish Safeguarding Handbook July 2018, has been circulated to all Safeguarding Representatives, Safeguarding PCC Lead and Churchwardens. The aim of the Handbook is to "further strengthen the Church's approach to safeguarding by bringing into one place the safeguarding responsibilities for parishes as outlined in the House of Bishops' Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance." <https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Parish-Safeguarding-Handbook-October-2018-v2.pdf>

The PCCs of the United Benefice agreed and adopted this policy at its meeting on 2nd July 2019 (Dartmouth) and 30th October 2019 (Dittisham). The next review will take place at the first PCC meeting following the APCM to be held on

Signed on behalf of the Parochial Church Councils of Dartmouth and Dittisham by the Incumbent and Church Wardens.

Parish of Dartmouth – signed by:
Revd Will Hazlewood
Mr Fred Radcliffe
Mr Colin Cooper
Mrs Julia Springett
Mr Ernie Wingeatt
Mr Christopher Helyer
Mrs Sue Black
Mr Howard O'Keefe

Parish of Dittisham – signed by:
Revd Will Hazlewood
Mrs Jenny Sjoberg
Mr Peter Smyth

Current as of: 2 July 2019 (Dartmouth) Current as of: 30 October 2019 (Dittisham)
Review Date: June 2020 Dartmouth October 2020 Dittisham