DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

Parish of St Clement Worlaby

POLICY STATEMENT ON THE PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Please note:

1. In relation to child protection this applies whether or not there are any children or youth work groups in the Parish as it is assumed that some children will attend church from time to time
2. In relation to vulnerable adults the guidance also applies

3. Acceptance of the policy/implementation should be minuted.

1. POLICY

St Clement's PCC has adopted:-

1.1.Protecting all God's children edition 4 House of Bishops' 2010 the Child Protection Policy for the Church of England

1.2. Promoting a safe church House of Bishops' 2006 the policy for safeguarding adults in the Church of England

A copy of the full relevant policy is obtainable on the Diocese of Lincoln's website

http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/resources-parishes-ministry/downloadable-forms/safeguarding/

2. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

2.1 Supporting families, parents and carers.
It is suggested that vulnerable adult and child protection should be seen within the context of family, parents and carer support. If one supports the family, parents or carer, one supports the vulnerable adult or child or young person. The PCC supports this approach.

2.2. Confidentiality.
The House of Bishops' child protection policy contains (at page 33) guidance on Confidentiality see also appendix 1 of Promoting a safe church. While respecting the need for confidentiality it is legally possible, appropriate and highly desirable to disclose relevant information to the public authorities for the sake of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC understands both the need for confidentiality and the requirement to disclose information to protect those who are vulnerable. This should be read in conjunction with St Clement's policy.

2.3. Insurance
The House of Bishops' Policy Protecting all God's children page 29 gives advice about insurance for those working with children and young people The PCC has reviewed its arrangements in the light of this advice

2.4 Standards in working with children and young people.
It is important that the environment in which children and youth groups meet is appropriate and safe.

Any Group or event which includes children and young people eg; Activity days, Trips and school visits.

This list is not exhaustive.