



Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

- We accept and endorse the principles of the House of Bishops' Policy for safeguarding children (*Protecting All God's Children, 2010*) and safeguarding adults in the Church of England (*Promoting a Safe Church, 2006*).
- We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly children, young people and adults at risk.
- We recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in the selection, appointment, training and support of those working in a paid or voluntary position with children or adults at risk, including the use of Criminal Records disclosures and making appropriate referrals to the Independent Safeguarding Authority.
- We will respond without delay to concerns or allegations that a child or adult at risk may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and social care services in any investigation.
- We will challenge any abuse of power by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support to anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate healing ministry.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult at risk.
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The PCC of this Church agreed and adopted the above Policy at its meeting on Sunday, 12 May 2013.

We have appointed: **Mrs. Jannette Blackett** as our ***Church Safeguarding Officer*** and: **Mrs. Abi Fayemi** as our ***Children's Champion***.

Copies of the Parish's Safeguarding Children and Young People's Policy and Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy are held by the Incumbent - *The Rev'd. 'Bunmi Fagbemi* at Holy Trinity Vicarage, Philip Lane, N15 4GZ. A copy of the document is also available via the Diocesan Website: <http://www.london.anglican.org/assets/downloads/resourcelibrary/Safeguarding-in-the-Diocese-of-London-policy-2012.pdf>

The PCC shall review this policy annually. The next review will take place in May 2014

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