

## **Walbury Beacon Benefice**

### **Safeguarding Policy for all Members of the Congregation**

- We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- As a benefice we commit ourselves to respectful care of all those to whom we minister.
- We commit ourselves to the Safeguarding of all people who may be vulnerable, whatever their age and ensuring their well-being in the life of our Benefice.
- We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
- We commit ourselves to promoting inclusion and empowerment of all people within our Benefice.
- We are all responsible for preventing the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and have a responsibility to listen to and act upon any disclosures/allegations/concerns of abuse. All concerns will be logged and reported to the Rector, the Safeguarding Co-ordinator or in urgent cases to the Bishop's Safeguarding Officer and/or the Police.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in selection of those who will work with vulnerable people.
- This Benefice adopts the Safeguarding guidelines of the Church of England and this Diocese: 'Promoting a Safer Church'.
- Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and guidelines and complete/attend appropriate Safeguarding training and have a suitable DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.
- Non-compliance with this code of conduct will automatically mean that the person will not work with vulnerable people within church activities.
- Every parish will have a designated Safeguarding lead.

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