

The Parish Church of St. George Jesmond



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This statement was adopted by St George's Parish at a Parochial Church Council meeting on Wednesday 14th March 2018.

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 time in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- The Safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their wellbeing in the life of this church
- Promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust
- Promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk
- Recruit safely following the recognised procedures
- Supporting, 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 of Newcastle.

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

This church appoints Dr Sue Vernon as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and as the DBS Administrator.

This policy is reviewed every year by the Parochial Church Council and reaffirmed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Incumbent: *B. H. H. H.*

Churchwardens: *[Signature]* *[Signature]*