

Policy Statement on Children, Young People and the Church of St Thomas High Lane

This statement was first agreed at the PCC meeting held on 19th October 2017

- It will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing will be monitored
- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children and young people
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of Children and young people and to report any abuse discovered or suspected to the child protection officer or the Vicar
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church
- Our church is committed to supporting , resourcing and training those who work with children and young people and to providing supervision
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines
- Each worker with children and young people must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them. Each shall be given a copy of the Parish's agreed procedures and Good Practice guidelines

As part of our commitment to children and young people, the PCC has appointed **Janet Bailey** to be the Child Protection Coordinator and she can be contacted on **01663 810102 or 07767 228135**

- Children and young people are an important part of our church today
- They have much to give as well as to receive
- We will listen to them
- As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feeling of Children and Young People