

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.MARY
BARTON-UPON-HUMBER**

Policy Statement on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults

Barton-upon-Humber Parochial Church Council (PCC) adopted "Promoting a Safe Church" (House of Bishops, 2006, the Church of England's policy to protect Vulnerable Adults) on 23 July, 2007.

1. The "Promoting a Safe Church" guidance shall be used to inform the development of practice at a local levels in conjunction with appropriate aspects of "Protecting all God Children".
2. The PCC recognises that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each one of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives,
3. The PCC commits itself to respectful and compassionate pastoral care for all adults to whom the church ministers.
4. The PCC commits itself to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
5. The PCC commits itself to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
6. The PCC commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
7. While respecting the need for confidentiality, the PCC accepts that it is the responsibility of each individual to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people and to recognise that it may be legally possible, appropriate and highly desirable to disclose relevant information to the public authorities for the sake of protecting that vulnerable person.
8. The PCC undertakes to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable and in this context CRB checks will be carried out when legal and appropriate.
9. The PCC is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
10. The PCC has identified the following parish activities where promoting a safe church guidance should apply:-

(i) any service at which a vulnerable adult might be present including Home Communion:

(ii) any social event at which a vulnerable adult might be present:

(iii) in the context of an open church, at any time when a vulnerable adult might be on church premises at the same time as a church member or official:

(iv) In the context of the Church Hall, at any time when a church member or official might be on the premises at the same time as a group which includes (or might reasonably be presumed to include) vulnerable adults:

The PCC appoints its Standing Committee to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at its meetings and to outside bodies.

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