

Diocese of Sheffield

Safe Church Policy

Policy Statement on Safeguarding Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted by Christ Church Endcliffe (BMO) at a Church Council meeting held on 16 October 2023. This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor progress achieved.

1. 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.
2. As members of this church we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all adults to whom we minister.
3. We commit ourselves to the safeguarding of people who may be vulnerable, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
4. We commit ourselves to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. The church commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of vulnerable people, and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect.
7. We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable.
8. The church is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The church adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese. The Church of England Parish Safeguarding Handbook can be found online at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-e-manual>
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints **James Bird and Sheila Turner** to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable adults at our meetings and to outside bodies.