

Parish Child Protection Policy Statement 2010

Parish of Farnborough, Kent

in the Church of England Diocese of Rochester.

In accordance with Diocesan Policy and Practice on Child Protection the parish have adopted the following statement of policy.

- **As the people of the Church of God we are concerned with the wholeness of each individual within God's purpose for everyone. We seek to safeguard all members of the Church community, of all ages. It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse of children and young people. The PCC and parish therefore commits itself to providing a safe and creative environment for all its work with children and young people.**
- As Christians we recognise that God requires us to foster relationships of the uttermost integrity, truthfulness and trustworthiness. Those who work for the Church in either a paid or voluntary capacity need to exercise the greatest care in their use of power. They must avoid taking advantage of trust.
- The highest standards will be maintained in all the Church's contacts with children and young people, and adult volunteers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- The intention of the Children Act 1989 that the welfare of the child is paramount is fully accepted.
- The exploitation of any relationship for self gratification will not be tolerated, and allegations of child abuse will be taken seriously.
- This parish will cooperate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- This parish will seek to implement the Diocesan Policy and Practice found in "The Protection of Children" revised 2005.
- This Parochial Church Council of this parish acknowledges its responsibility for all work with children and young people done in the name of the Church and requires all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with current good practice and guidelines issued by the Diocese of Rochester.

We have appointed, as our Parish Children's Representative

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Approved by the Church Council on July 2010

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