

**Diocese of Worcester
Parish Safeguarding Children
Policy Statement.**

The Parish of Holy Trinity and St. Matthew's Church, Ronkswood, Worcester

The nominated Parish Child Protection Representative is:

Name: Penny Welford (Mrs)

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The following policy has been agreed and implemented by the PCC.

1. We are aware of and will implement the House of Bishops' Child Protection Policy Protecting All God's Children (2010), Safer Recruitment Guidance 2016 and all the Diocesan procedures. Copies of these can be accessed at www.cofe-worcester.org.uk
2. We are committed to the safeguarding and the care of the children within our church community.
3. We will carefully select and train ordained and lay ministers, volunteers and paid workers who work with children, using the Disclosure and Barring Service amongst other tools to check the background of each person as outlined in the diocesan procedures.
4. We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a child for whom we are responsible may have been harmed or is in significant danger.
5. We will fully cooperate with statutory agencies during any investigation into allegations concerning a member of the church community. We will inform the statutory agency of any suspected criminal offences or concerns that we are made aware of in respect of our contact with children.
6. We will offer informed pastoral care to any child, young person or adult who has suffered abuse and provide them with details of local and national support agencies.
7. We will supervise and support any member of our church community known to have offended against a child.
8. We will review this policy annually and, as part of this, check that all our procedures and activities involving children, including the DBS process and checks, are up to date.
9. We will review our insurance policy for those working with children ensuring we adopt the advice in the House of Bishops' Policy.
10. A copy of this Policy will be displayed in church on the child and youth Notice Board alongside a Child Line poster which can be downloaded from www.nspcc.org.uk free of charge.

This Policy was discussed and agreed at the PCC meeting held on:

Date: March 19th 2018

We, the PCC, agree to review and update this policy annually.

Signed by:

PCC Chair or representative

Church warden

Child Protection Representative

Incumbent