

THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Policy for Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults 2018

This Policy was agreed at the meeting of the Trustees of the Friends held on 25th June 2018

- We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that all adults should be offered respect and given inclusion and empowerment within the Church.
- We are committed to implementing a safeguarding policy for adults when they are vulnerable, to accepting the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Promoting a Safe Church 2006) and to be responsive to local parish requirements.
- We will review and endorse all safeguarding policies annually so that all involved in the work of the Friends are aware of their responsibilities.
- We will carefully select those working with vulnerable groups and these workers will be given appropriate support and opportunities for training.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made that a vulnerable adult for whom we are responsible may have been harmed.
- The Friends will co-operate fully with the statutory agencies in every situation and will not conduct its own investigations.
- We will seek to offer informed pastoral care to any adult who has suffered abuse.
- We will care for and supervise any member of our community known to have offended in a manner which could affect adults who are vulnerable.
- The Trustees of the Friends acknowledge their responsibility for all work with vulnerable people done in the name of the Friends and require all those engaged in such work to be properly appointed and supported in accordance with the Church of England Practice Guidance: Safer Recruitment (July 2016).

We have appointed as our person responsible for safeguarding: **Peter Williamson**

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If you have any concerns about a safeguarding issue, do please contact Peter Williamson