



## **Policy Statement**

### **Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

### **St Matthew's Church (Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath)**

This statement was agreed at the Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

- It will be read out to at least one PCC meeting each year, where progress in implementing it will be monitored.
- As members of this church, we commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all, especially children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- It is the responsibility of each one of us to prevent the physical, sexual and emotional abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults and to report any abuse discovered or suspected.
- We recognise that our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole church.
- Our church is committed to supporting, resourcing and training those who work with children, young people and vulnerable adults and to providing supervision.
- Our church is committed to following the guidelines and procedures published by the Diocese.
- The parish will adopt good practice guidelines.
- Each worker with children, young people and vulnerable adults must know the guidelines and undertake to follow them.
- Each will have access to a copy of the Diocesan agreed procedures and good practice guidelines (see church web site).

As part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults, the PCC has appointed **Karen Perry** to be the Parish Safeguarding Coordinator.

- Children, young people and vulnerable adults are an important part of our Church today.
- They have much to give as well as to receive.
- We will listen to them.

As we nurture them in worship, learning, and in community life, we will respect the wishes and feelings of children, young people and vulnerable adults.