

**Policy for the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults for the Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church, Leckhampton**

**Reviewed in accordance with the Diocesan Policy and adopted by the PCC on 10.01.23.**

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved and a copy shared with the Archdeacon at the time of the Visitation.

1. As members of this parish, 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.
  - *There is a detailed document setting out safeguarding procedures in respect of St Peter's lead position in South Cheltenham Churches' application for the resettlement of a refugee family under the Home Office scheme. This can be seen in the Parish Office on request.*
2. 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. We commit ourselves 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 parish is committed to supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. The parish adopts the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese of Gloucester.
10. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines.

**Signed**

Vicar ..... Date: 10.01.23

Churchwarden ..... Date: 10.01.23

Safeguarding Officer ..... Date: 10.01.23