

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - STANTON IN PEAK PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROTECTION POLICY

The Diocesan Child Protection Procedures are to be regarded as an integral part of this Policy.

#### CHURCH BASED ACTIVITIES

Within the Parish there are the following activities:

Children take part in the monthly Family Worship.

Bell Ringing.

Special services held by Stanton in Peak School.

#### SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES

The Vicar visits Stanton in Peak Church of England Controlled Primary School to lead Collective Worship approximately fortnightly in term time, where Birchover children also attend. NB this is an interregnum period as at April 2016. School Harvest Services are held in Birchover Parish Church.

It will be assumed that any members of the Parish Church who help with activities at the request of the Headteacher, or other members of staff, will be the responsibility of the school concerned in regard to declarations. The Parochial Church Council will not be held responsible for any failure to assess suitability of such helpers.

Where the school is approached by the parish with regard to a member going into the school for activities with the children, the school should be assured of their suitability and that the forms detailed below have been completed and signed.

#### GENERAL

All who are involved in work with children and young people within the parish, of whatever form and for however long a period, should have a DBS check.

One off fun days, outings etc where parents are present will be exempt from the above rule, it being expected that parents will be responsible for their own children.

Those from outside the parish who are invited to lead occasional children's activities must be able to produce similar documentation, or if not available they should be asked to complete and sign the above before commencing work with the children or young people.

It is advisable that only those who have experience of working with children, either professionally or as members of a family, will be involved in children's activities within the parish.

Regular checks will be made to ensure such activity, and its location, are fully covered by public liability insurance.

Anyone involved with children and young people will be given sight of the 'Diocesan Child Protection Procedures'.

Each of those who are currently involved in the children's and young people's work have training or relevant experience with the age group for which they are responsible, but they and any future workers will be encouraged to have further training where appropriate.

Any complaints regarding the activities of anyone involved in the Church based activities must first be given to the Vicar for investigation in accordance with the procedures set out in the 'Diocesan Child Protection Procedures'.

Copies of this Policy will be held by the Diocesan Education Officer, the Vicar (when appointed), all Children's and Young People's workers, the Parochial Church Council and the Headteacher of the School. It will also be available for inspection by anyone who wishes to see it, and it will be reviewed annually by the PCC following each Annual Parochial Meeting.

The Church's nominated Child Protection Officer is Mrs A Cooper (on behalf of the Benefice)

A safeguarding risk assessment will be carried out in conjunction with the other parishes in the Benefice.

Date: 17 April 2013. Reviewed 28 May 2014. Reviewed 15 April 2015. Reviewed 4 April 2016. Reviewed 3 April 2017.

Churchwarden (during interregnum, this will revert to the Vicar when appointed)  
On behalf of the Parochial Church Council

Associated documents: Health and Safety Policy, Fire Risk Assessment, Belltower Risk Assessment