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Policy on the Safeguarding of Children and Adults in the Church

This statement was adopted by the Church of St John the Evangelist, Preston, Brighton at a Parochial Church Council meeting held on 7 June 2023.

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress which has been achieved.

- 1 We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in our lives.
- 2 As members of this parish we commit ourselves to respectful pastoral care for all children and 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 The parish commits itself to promoting 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.
- 10 Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints **Susan Seymour** to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies, as parish safeguarding officers.

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