

## **St George's Georgeham and St Mary's Croyde.**

### **Policy on the Safeguarding of children, young people and Adults who may be vulnerable.**

- We commit ourselves to safeguard the welfare and safety of all children and young people who come to our churches. Our commitment also extends to adults when they are vulnerable - this is particularly applicable to Church organised visits to and Church organised support of lone adults.
- We undertake to establish and maintain safe practices when working both with those under eighteen, and with vulnerable adults, taking into account guidance from the Church of England, and the Diocese of Exeter.
- We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.
- We accept and endorse the principles of the document 'Promoting a Safer Church', published by the House of Bishops.
- We undertake to exercise proper care in both the selection and appointment, of all those working with children and young people, be they voluntary or paid.
- The PCC have appointed a Parish Safeguarding Representative as required by the Diocese of Exeter
- The PCC will undertake an annual review of this policy which will also include a report of procedures from the Safeguarding Representative. This will be done in February or March annually.
- When activities are run jointly involving both ourselves and Croyde Baptist Church, the Safeguarding Policy and procedures to be followed will be those relating to the Church owning the premises used.
- In compliance with Open the Book national policy, from October 2015, we will require participants to be DBS checked. Where some participants are checked by another Church, the Parish Safeguarding Representative will have sight of the certificates and record this appropriately.

Overall responsibility for safeguarding:	Revd Steve Painting	01271 812605
Safeguarding Parish Representative:	Catherine Harper	01271 890498
Diocesan safeguarding officer:	Charlie Pitman	01392 345909

*If help is needed urgently, and those named above are unavailable, please see the information displayed around the Church, with contact details for local and national helplines.*