



The Parish of Monkseaton, St. Peter

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This statement was revised and adopted by **The Parish of Monkseaton, St. Peter**, at the meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on **Tuesday 16th November 2021**.

As members of this Parish we commit ourselves to care for one another safely.

We recognize that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and that each of us may be regarded as at risk at some time in our lives.

We commit ourselves to:

- the Safeguarding of people who may be at risk, ensuring their well-being in the life of this church.
- promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust, ensuring all appropriate training is undertaken and updated as necessary.
- promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be at risk.
- recruit safely following the recognised procedures
- supporting, resourcing, training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work with children/young people and adults who might be at risk.

It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse. We will report any abuse that we discover or suspect.

We agree to work within the guidelines of the Church of England and the Diocese of Newcastle.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Elisabeth Mitchell as the Parish Safeguarding Officer and DBS Administrator and Barbara Packer as Children and Vulnerable Adults Advocate.

This policy is reviewed each year by the Parochial Church Council and was re-affirmed at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday 24th April 2022**.

Incumbent: **The Rev'd Dr. Hannah Cleugh**

Churchwardens: **Mrs. J. Coulson and Mrs. H. McDermott**

Date: **24th April 2022**