



St. Stephen's Parish Church
St. Stephen's Road
Hightown
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- *integral to community life*
- *welcoming and joyful in worship*
- *inspiring and loving in our ministry to children*

POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS CONNECTED TO CHURCH

This statement was agreed at the PCC Meeting held on 5th March 2026.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

- 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 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 a position of trust.
- 5) The parish commits itself to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
- 6) It is the responsibility of each of us to prevent any form of abuse and to report any such abuse that we discover or suspect. The ten different forms of abuse:
 - Physical abuse
 - Domestic violence or abuse
 - Sexual abuse
 - Psychological or emotional abuse
 - Financial or material abuse
 - Modern slavery
 - Discriminatory abuse
 - Organisational or institutional abuse
 - Neglect or acts of omission
 - Self-neglect
- 7) We undertake to exercise proper care in the appointment and selection of those who 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 and will visit in twos where appropriate.
- 10) Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations and the guidelines established by this Church.

The Church appoints Mrs. Catherine Marshall to represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people at our meetings and to outside bodies.

Incumbent:	Revd. Keith Thornborough
Churchwardens:	Dr. Judith Welch, Mrs. Jane Copeland
Safeguarding Officer for Adults:	Mrs. Catherine Marshall