

St Leonard Downham Parish Policy on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in the Church.

We are committed to and adopt the House of Bishop's Policy - Promoting a Safer Church and the Blackburn Diocesan policy on vulnerable adults.

1. We recognise that everyone has different levels of vulnerability and everyone may be regarded as vulnerable at some time in their lives.
2. As members of the 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 the church.
4. We commit to promoting safe practice by those in positions of trust.
5. We commit ourselves to promoting the inclusion and empowerment of people who may be vulnerable.
6. We recognise 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, selection, training and support of those who will work with people who may be vulnerable
8. The parish is committed to supporting training and regularly reviewing those who undertake work amongst people who may be vulnerable.
9. Each person who works with vulnerable people will agree to abide by these recommendations.
10. The church has a nominated person, Hon Ralph Assheton who will represent the concerns and views of vulnerable people to parish meetings and to outside bodies.

This policy statement was adopted by St Leonard Downham and at the Parochial Church Council meeting on 25th June 2019

This policy will be reviewed each year to monitor progress. The activities for vulnerable people in your church will be detailed and documented

Signed
Incumbent. Andy Froud

Chair of PCC Andy Froud

Churchwarden Ralph Assheton